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Clinton subpoenaed in Lewinsky case

By RON FOURNIER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Special prosecutor Kenneth Starr has subpoenaed President Bill Clinton to testify in the investigation surrounding a former White House intern, a government official said yesterday.

Two presidential advisers said it is all but certain Clinton will provide testimony in some form to the grand jury, the panel of citizens investigating whether any crimes had been committed.

A legal source close to the case said that even if a subpoena had been served, it could be withdrawn later if the two sides were able to work out an agreement for providing information.

This source, who insisted upon anonymity, said Clinton had told senior advisers he did not want to appear before the grand jury in person, preferring an arrangement where he would provide a deposition, most likely in a videotape.

The grand jury is investigating whether Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, lied under oath about an alleged affair in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

Starr's investigators also want to know whether Clinton and confidant Vernon Jordan encouraged Lewinsky to lie by trying to help her find a job and a lawyer.

Clinton and Jordan deny any improprieties, and Clinton has denied having a sexual relationship with Lewinsky.

When the case broke in late January, the president said he was eager to tell his side of the story. But he then retreated behind a wall of silence and has refused to discuss whatever relationship he had with Lewinsky.

The disclosure yesterday came after Clinton press secretary Mike McCurry announced Friday that Clinton attorney David Kendall is discussing with Starr's office how the president might provide information to the grand jury.

The government official, who is close to the case but spoke on condition of anonymity, did not say whether the subpoena was actually served on Clinton or his attorneys.

But a second official said legal maneuvering had prompted Clinton's attorneys to increase negotiations about the site and scope of his testimony.

A videotape arrangement would likely allow Clinton's lawyers to be in the room, able to step in with objections if they felt the questions were too intrusive.

In a grand jury room, the president would not have his lawyers present.

McCurry refused Friday to say whether the talks were prompted by a subpoena - or the threat of one - from Starr. The answer was tightly held. Three senior officials administration said they did not know.

No president has ever been subpoenaed to testify in a criminal case, and there is a legal dispute over whether such a move is constitutional.

Starr's office says it is within his power to subpoena the president, but Clinton's defenders say he can only be subpoenaed by the House of Representatives.

Former president Ronald Reagan gave written answers in the Iran-Contra investigation and George Bush, then vice president, gave a deposition in the Iran-Contra probe.

Later, in the final year of Bush's presidency, prosecutors tried to question him, but he declined. Prosecutors decided not to subpoena him.

Former White House special counsel Larry Davis said the case appeared to be at a turning point.

It's my judgment that the White House and the president's lawyers see the end game is very near and that the country wants this over with," said Davis, who maintains close ties with the administration. "This is the right time for the president to come forward."

Trying to read between the lines of the Starr-Kendall discussions, Davis said, "My interpretation of what's been said is that no official subpoena has been served out of respect for the office, but it is certainly implicit that these discussions are in lieu of a subpoena."

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PA agrees to resume talks

By STEVE RODAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB, JAY BUSHINSKY, and news agencies

The Palestinian Authority has agreed to hold another round of direct negotiations with Israel, while pressing the US anew to persuade Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to accept a 13.1 percent redeployment.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat said after a 90-minute meeting with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani on Friday that talks would begin this week between the minister and Arafat's deputy, Mahmoud Abbas.

This, he said, will be accompanied by meetings of the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams on implementing the Oslo interim accords.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is also expected to meet again with Abbas sometime this week, Israel Radio reported last night.

PA sources said that their about-face on holding talks with Israel, taken only two days after Palestinians broke off high-level negotiations, came to stem tensions with Israel, prevent a confrontation in the territories, and to demonstrate to Washington that the Palestinians really want to reach an agreement.

Arafat said if the two sides reach an accord then he will meet with Netanyahu.

"There will be regular meetings between Abu Mazen [Abbas] and Minister Kahalani," Arafat said.

Lower level contacts continued yesterday, as Yehuda Harel of the Third Way met with Abbas in Ramallah. Harel told reporters after the meeting that the Palestinians are anxious to reach an agreement on the troop withdrawal and that hopes of a deal being finalized now rest with Netanyahu.

Arafat said his meeting with Kahalani on Friday was positive and thanked his Israeli guest for his concern about the peace process and his effort to push it forward.

"I'm not going to replace Itzik Mordechai," Kahalani said, "but I



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat meet in Ramallah on Friday.

(Ha'aretz)

will talk to Abu Mazen and perhaps will change the atmosphere in which the two [Israeli and Palestinian] peoples have been living a little bit."

Kahalani and his Third Way Party had threatened to quit the coalition if it failed to reach an agreement with the PA.

After Friday's weekly meeting of the Palestinian cabinet, PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said: "We are still hoping the United States will continue pushing its initiative."

In Washington, Arafat aide Marwan Kanafani said US officials have told visiting Palestinian legislators that while the US is still committed to the peace process, it

is taking "one step back" from active participation for the moment.

"There is a decision at the highest level in America that there should be a kind of slowdown, time out, pause," said Kanafani. "We don't take this decision as a belligerent step against the Palestinians."

Some PA officials appeared taken aback by Arafat's quick agreement on the resumption of talks.

PA chief negotiator Saeb Erekat said he does not understand what Abbas would discuss with Kahalani, who does not hold a position on the Israeli negotiating team. He said the Kahalani-Abbas talks

might deal with bilateral issues or just be "talks about talks."

"I don't know what the president meant when he said that [Abbas] will meet Kahalani," Erekat told reporters. "It could be that we're talking about a discussion concerning daily problems."

For his part, Kahalani expressed optimism that Palestinians and Israeli negotiators could reach an agreement.

"With a bit of flexibility from all sides it will be possible, I believe, to sign an agreement," he said.

Hours later, at a meeting of the Palestinian leadership in Ramallah on Friday night, Arafat said that, in agreeing to resume the talks, he was responding to a US request,

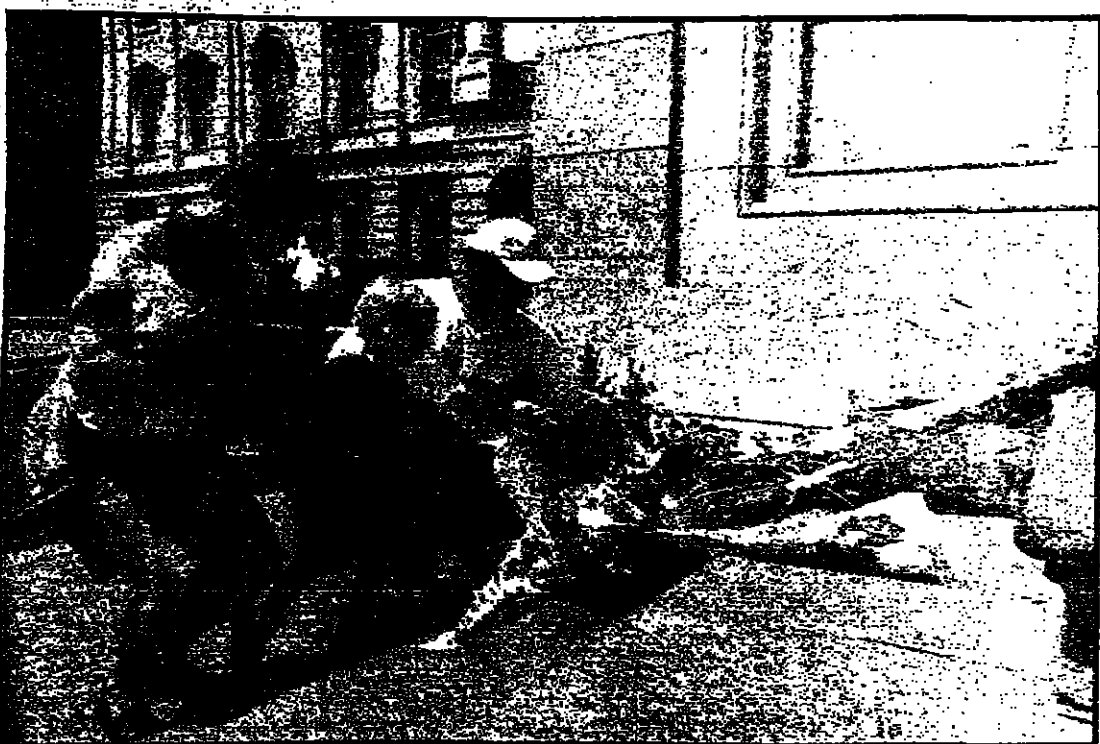
rather than an Israeli one.

Arafat explained that his response was intended to maintain the pressure on Israel to accept the US bridging proposals to implement the interim accords.

Later, the PA cabinet released a statement accusing Israeli negotiators of refusing to endorse the US plan and said the Netanyahu proposals intended to continue the occupation.

"The PA confirms its permanent readiness to hold Palestinian-Israeli meetings and quickly resume the negotiations and honor all of its commitments," the statement said.

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Lobbyist Mike Smith and his family lay flowers and pray yesterday at the US Capitol, near the scene of Friday's fatal attack by an apparently deranged gunman.

(Reuters)

Gunman slays 2 at US Capitol

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG and EUN-KYUNG KIM

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans returned yesterday to their bullet-scarred Capitol less than 24 hours after a gunman fatally shot two policemen and set a wave of fear through the national monument to freedom and democracy.

The suspect was hospitalized

under heavy guard, his motives still unknown.

Russell E. Weston Jr., a 41-year-old loner from Rimini, Montana, was listed in critical condition

Suspect claimed gov't stole his thoughts, Page 5

after undergoing a second round of surgery for gunshot wounds.

Dr. Paul Oriaino at DC General Hospital said Weston's chances of survival are "about 50-50." The doctor said Weston was bleeding profusely when he arrived at the

hospital. Weston was charged with one count of murdering a federal officer and was to be arraigned in absentia in DC Superior Court.

In Friday's attack, he forced his way through the swarm of tourists waiting to pass through the metal detector at the Capitol. He drew his .38 and opened fire.

First to go down Friday was Jacob Chestnut, shot as he gave a visitor directions to the subway. Chestnut's partner returned fire as the suspect fled around the corner toward the entrance hall leading into Rep. Tom DeLay's office.

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Israel launches campaign to allay impact of Arab summit on J'lem

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The Foreign Ministry has launched an intensive campaign to allay the potential damage to relations with the Arab states that could ensue from the Islamic conference on Jerusalem, due to open in Morocco on Wednesday.

Officially known as the Committee on Jerusalem and

permanently chaired by Morocco's King Hassan, the conference is expected to focus on the government's plan to expand the Jerusalem Municipality's administrative area - and to come up with retaliatory measures against it.

"One of the most disturbing consequences could be a call for a halt to normalization of relations with Israel," a senior official said.

Referring to the urban expansion scheme, the official said "it is being used as a pretext for an anti-Israel resolution."

If implemented, it could lead to the closing of the various trade offices opened in Tel Aviv by Arab states which do not have full relations with Israel, and the shutdown of Israeli trade missions to the North African and Persian

Gulf states.

The 16-nation body, which includes Arab and non-Arab states, also will be urged to support the convening of an international conference on the Middle East peace process, an initiative proposed by France and Egypt.

This proposal was turned down last week by Syrian President Hafez Assad during his state visit to Paris.

AT&T-BT en route to mega-merger - report

By GERRARD RAVEN

LONDON (Reuters) - Speculation intensified yesterday that British Telecommunications Plc. and AT&T of the US may be on the verge of announcing a link-up after both companies failed to deny reports that a deal was imminent.

Stock market analysts in New York said they had been contacted by AT&T on Friday and advised to stand by for a possible news conference this afternoon.

But both BT and AT&T declined to comment on the reports, that appeared both in Britain's Financial Times newspaper and on the US cable television station CNBC, that an accord would be announced shortly.

"I cannot comment. This is yet more rumor and speculation," a BT spokesman said.

AT&T spokeswoman Ruth Lynn Newell said: "We as a matter of policy do not comment on rumors or speculation."

Market analysts say a straight merger of the two companies is barely conceivable, because their joint share of the market is so great that monopolies watchdogs on both sides of the Atlantic would be bound to raise objections.

But the Financial Times said the companies could be about to place many of their international assets into a joint venture in which they would invest hundreds of millions of dollars.

It quoted one person close to the talks as saying: "This is something that could be quite far-reaching in pooling their services to world-wide business customers."

"They are combining their significant assets, principally those geared to serving large corporations."

Both companies have been actively pursuing international partnerships recently. AT&T has an agreement to buy cable television company Tele-Communications Inc. for \$48 billion.

Three youths shot dead over weekend

Nine-year-old Ali Abu Madi'im died yesterday, hours after being shot at a wedding in Rahat. Police said that during the wedding party, a round was fired in celebration and it appears that the boy was hit accidentally.

A Magen David Adom crew took Abu Madi'im to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

Two suspects, one 18 and one 31, have been arrested.

In Ramle, a 17-year-old was murdered in a drive-by shooting on Friday night. He had been walking down Rehov Emile Zola when a white Subaru with two people in it drove up to him and shot him five times. He started to run away, but collapsed after several meters. A Magen David Adom crew unsuccessfully tried to revive him.

Police believe the murder may

have been part of a dispute between the Abu Laban and Jarushi clans. Last week the Karaja clan left Ramle as part of an agreement that authorities hoped would reduce clan violence.

Police set up a team to investigate the murder, but it is having difficulty since the witnesses and the victim's family have been refusing to cooperate.

A third youth, 11-year-old Zaki Nasser Alasad, of Lakiya, in the Negev, was shot to death on Thursday night. Police have arrested a relative of his, Saliman Salim Alasad, 20, who owns the weapon from which the fatal bullet allegedly was fired. His remand hearing was postponed from Friday until today so that his lawyer could be present.

(Ilim)

NEWS

in brief

Police to question Manbar's wife

Francine Manbar, the wife of convicted traitor Nahum Manbar, arrived in Israel last week and is to give evidence to police in its investigation of the Strashnov Affair.

After she is questioned, the special team investigating the affair, headed by Dep.-Cmde. Miri Golan, is expected to question attorney Pinat Yanai, and her former boyfriend, Ziv Chen.

Earlier this month, Manbar's attorney, Amnon Zichroni, had alleged that Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov, who presided over Manbar's trial, had discussed the case with Yanai, his former apprentice, while she was serving on Manbar's defense team.

The allegations, made in a petition to the High Court of Justice, were partially based on an affidavit by Chen.

Army to demolish 6 Palestinian houses

Activists from Gush Shalom plan to travel to the Hebron area today in a show of solidarity with six Palestinian families, whose homes are due to be demolished after they were declared illegal by the civil administration.

The group called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to halt all home demolitions, saying that they "cause greater bitterness and hatred among the Palestinians" and set back chances for a secure peace.

Jordanian attacked in Raile

Salah Bin-Hasan Turk, 31, a Jordanian citizen who lives and works in Israel, was attacked on his way home from work on Saturday. He was lightly injured and was taken to Nahariya Government Hospital. Turk had been returning from work in Yokne'am. At the entrance to the village of Jidda, where he was living, several people stabbed him and hit him with a blunt object. Police are searching for the assailants.

Lod woman wounded in drive-by shooting

A Lod woman, Miriam, 42, and her five-year-old son were wounded last night when occupants of a car cruising down the city's Rehov Shlomo Hermon shot at their car and then sped away.

A Magen David Adom crew took the woman to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. She was listed in serious condition. The boy had glass shards in his leg.

Egyptian diplomat's home burglarized

The Tel Aviv home of an Egyptian diplomat was broken into over Shabbat. An unknown sum of money and 4 watches were stolen.

Police are investigating.

Three killed in south Lebanon bomb explosion

Three men believed to be Hizbullah gunmen were killed in southern Lebanon, apparently while preparing a bomb, Lebanese security officials said yesterday.

They said the men were killed Friday night in a deserted house in the village of Amoun on the edge of the security zone.

Amoun, some eight kilometers southeast of Nabatieh, lies near the Crusader-built Beaufort Castle, which is controlled by the IDF.

The three men were believed to be preparing to attack IDF or South Lebanese Army troops, the officials said.

A Hizbullah official refused to comment on whether the victims belonged to the group.

Woman hurt in Jerusalem stoning

Stones were thrown at an Israeli car traveling on the French Hill-Pisgat Zeta road in Jerusalem yesterday, injuring a woman passenger.

The stones were thrown from the cliffs of Isawiya, an Arab neighborhood in north Jerusalem.

The driver, a policeman, ran off the road in an attempt to avoid the stones, and hit the road's safety barrier. A small fire broke out in the car.

The policeman's wife, sitting next to him, was lightly injured and was treated at the scene.

Three Palestinians arrested in shooting

Three Palestinians were arrested Friday in connection with a drive-by shooting, in which shots were fired from a Palestinian van at two Jewish shepherds outside the settlement of Itamar, near Nablus.

No one was hurt.

The incident took place on a hill known by the settlers as "Hill 866." Over the past several months, residents of Itamar have set up small farms on this hill and others at a distance from the settlement, to establish a Jewish presence there.

The IDF, using a helicopter, found the van, and later arrested the three suspects. Soldiers found spent cartridges from 9-mm. bullets in the area.

Tamra man freed; no evidence he spied

Amin Ibrahim Hijazi, 26, from Tamra, who was arrested two weeks ago on suspicion of carrying out crimes against state security, was released Thursday from prison after no evidence was found against him.

Hijazi had been arrested on suspicion that he maintained contact with Palestinian intelligence. His remand was extended twice by the Acre Magistrate's Court.

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"But the source of the problem which faces the Palestinian positive readiness is an absence of a cleared and specified Israeli position on the US proposals and on the peace process in general."

At the same time, Arafat made it clear that he would not meet with any Israeli minister.

PA sources said Arafat is refusing to meet with Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky, who the sources said refused an earlier invitation from Arafat.

As the Palestinian leadership

was preparing for its meeting, PA sources said, Arafat received a telephone call from French President Jacques Chirac, who invited him to Paris. No date was set.

Tomorrow, Arafat is scheduled to arrive in Vienna to discuss Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts with the members of the European Union presidency. Arafat met yesterday with US Consul General John Herbst to discuss the forthcoming Palestinian-Israeli talks.

PA sources said the two men reviewed the negotiations that took place last week and that Arafat said the Palestinians would not agree to any change in the US plan.

CLINTON

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Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly declined to comment.

Meanwhile, Harold Ickes, the president's former deputy chief of staff, denied that he had ever seen

Clinton alone with Lewinsky.

On Thursday, a government official said a Secret Service uniformed officer had told the grand jury that he and Ickes had come across Clinton and Lewinsky in a room just off the Oval Office.

They were said not to be engaged in any improper behavior.

By AP/SHIN VALINEJAD

TEHERAN (AP) — Iran yesterday confirmed that it successfully tested a medium-range missile, which the US has described as a "source of concern."

The state-television quoted Defense Minister Rear Adm. Ali Shamkhani as saying that the missile with a range of 1,300 kilometers was tested on Wednesday by Iranian experts "without any foreign support."

The range of the missile, of North Korean design, would enable it to reach Israel and US troops in Saudi Arabia, portions of Russia and Turkey, as well as any part of

Iran's arch-enemy, Iraq.

US President Bill Clinton said the missile could change the "stability dynamics" of the Middle East if Iran made it operational.

"In view of the changes that have taken place close at hand and far away, the will of the Islamic Republic of Iran in establishing lasting peace is to invest in the provisions of some defense facilities," Shamkhani was quoted as saying.

State radio also broadcast a similar report. Shamkhani gave no other details as to what type of missile was tested and where.

However, US intelligence agencies have identified it as the Shihab-3 missile and said

that its launch and path were tracked early Wednesday.

The test was first reported by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Times* on Thursday.

The confirmation by Iran contradicts estimates by US intelligence community in 1997 that Iran would need up to 10 years to develop a medium-range missile capability.

Following the tests, Shamkhani congratulated Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who is also the commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

On Thursday, Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry, said: "It is a source of concern to

us that they are pursuing a program of this nature."

The Israeli government also has expressed concern at the development, saying it has repeatedly warned that Iran's missile program is as much a threat to Israel's neighbors as to Israel.

The TV report quoted Shamkhani as saying that Iran's defense policy "has been based on the improvement of its containment capability."

It said Shamkhani expressed the hope that Iran, "as part of the Islamic world, would be able to maintain its role in safeguarding peace in the region."



Restoring power

Israel Electric Corporation workers use a helicopter yesterday to erect a modular electricity pylon in Wadi Paran in the Arava, to replace one knocked down there on Tuesday by a low-flying air force F-15.

(Israel Sun)

First test-tube baby celebrates 20th birthday

LONDON (AP) — Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby, celebrated her 20th birthday yesterday.

Earlier this week, she sent a message of support to a birthday party in the House of Commons to mark 20 years of in vitro fertilization — the technique of bringing sperm and egg together in a laboratory pioneered by Prof. Robert Edwards and Dr. Patrick Steptoe.

"I'm glad mum and dad were given the opportunity of having IVF 20 years ago," Louise said. "I wish this was available to all

who need it now."

Since Louise's birth on July 25, 1978, in vitro fertilization treatment has resulted in 29,000 babies in Britain and thousands more around the world, including Louise's 16-year-old sister, Natalie.

In an interview in yesterday's *Daily Mail*, Louise said she was four years old when she found out she was different — but she stressed that she was really no different than other 20 year olds.

"I might have come into the world a different way to my friends, but in every other way

I am the same," she was quoted as saying. "I like to go swimming, go to the pub, drink lemonade with a bit of alcohol in it, and play darts. I understand the limelight, but sometimes I just want to fade into the background." Louise works at a day-care center in Bristol, on England's southwest coast, and says she's very happy.

"I love children and I love looking after them — it's tiring but satisfying, and I plan to stick to it. Some day I may marry and have children, but I don't know when," the *Daily Mail* quoted her as saying.

"The new executive bureau is moderate because it hasn't faced any problems with the government yet," al-Sherif said, adding that the leadership may change policies if it clashes with the authorities.

After the Front announced its boycott of the November elections — partly in protest against Jordan's relations with Israel — the government held talks with Brotherhood representatives in a bid to secure their participation.

The editor-in-chief of the leading newspaper *Ad-Dustour*, Mahmoud al-Sherif, said the Brotherhood's strength on the previous executive was a reaction to the government's altering of the electoral law in 1994, which prevented the Islamic Action Front from fielding more than one candidate in an electoral district.

CAPITOL

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There, the gunman confronted another officer, John Gibson, and the two exchanged fire. Caught in the middle was tourist Angela Dickinson, who was shot in the face and arm.

Chaos erupted inside DeLay's office.

"There was a lot of screaming," said John Feehery, press secretary for the Texas Republican. "I heard the gunshots, and then I went underneath my desk because I thought that was the safest place to be."

Someone yelled to call 911. Tony Rudy, DeLay's policy director, said it sounded as if heavy metal were clanging.

After initially taking cover in an adjacent room, Rudy rushed back into the area where the confrontation occurred and saw the gunman lying on his side, bleeding. The man was straddled by a police officer, pointing his service revolver at the assailant's head and yelling.

A meter away was Gibson, collapsed behind a desk.

"The whole office believes that Gibson saved our lives," Rudy said. "There's no doubt in our mind that this guy would have come in and just shot people one at a time."

Authorities locked up the room, and the people inside tried to comprehend the scene.

Outside during the clamor, stunned parents pushed children to the floor or rushed them to exits.

"I tried to look for my father, but people were running past us," said Gareth Beamish, 41.

The New Orleans resident had just finished touring a nearby exhibit about construction of the Capitol when the shooting began.

"At first I thought one of those large glass cases had fallen," said Beamish, who sought refuge in the women's bathroom.

One floor above the chaos, the House continued in session.

Yesterday, Sgt. Dan Nichols, spokesman for the Capitol Police, appealed for witnesses to the shoot-

ing to call and give their accounts of what happened.

"We're still early into this investigation," he said. Nichols refused to say whether the slain officers were wearing bulletproof vests.

Two years ago the Secret Service investigated Weston, a former mental patient, as "a low-level threat" to President Bill Clinton. Investigators looked for clues to his motives at his cabin in rural Montana.

Before departing on a trip to Norfolk, Virginia, to christen the USS Harry Truman, a solemn president described the Friday afternoon shooting as "a moment of savagery at the front door of American civilization."

He clearly concurred with the decision to reopen the Capitol as soon as possible.

"We must keep it a place where people can freely and proudly walk the halls of our government," Clinton said.

A tearful House Speaker Newt Gingrich, delivered the Republican weekly radio address and asked Americans to join him in prayer.

"Please help this country learn to live with its freedom. Please help those who are troubled learn to live peacefully with their problems," said the speaker, a tear running down his right cheek.

The Capitol was bathed in summer sun. Tourists roamed the grounds and snapped pictures. But the shooting left an unmistakable mark.

People left flowers, and many approached police officers to offer their sympathy.

Two first-floor entrances normally used by tourists to enter the building, including the one used by the gunman, were closed.

People could walk by the area, just inside one doorway, where the two officers were gunned down and a female tourist wounded, but their view was blocked by tall portable screens.

To enter the building, visitors had to climb the broad marble center staircase to the second floor, location of the House and Senate chambers.

Identify With Your People By Joining In An Old Jerusalem Custom of

Walking around the Walls of its Old City

Motza! Shabbat, August 1, 1998.

At 9:15 P.M. — We will read Eicha near the American Consulate on Agmon Street. Bring a flashlight or candle to help you follow the reading.

At 10:15 P.M. — Our Walk will begin. We will be passing the New Gate, Damascus Gate, the Flower Gate, the Lion's Gate and ending our Walk at the Damascus Gate. We will provide buses at the end of the Walk to return you to Agmon Street. We have a Police Permit for the event. Please bring your whole family, friends and neighbors to join in this old, yet meaningful, Jerusalem Custom on Tisha B'Av evening.

Even if you have said Eicha in your own synagogue, there will still be plenty of time for you to participate in the Walk along the Walls of the Old City. Observing this old Jerusalem Custom, will insure for all those who participate in the Walk, a very meaningful Tisha B'Av.

Participating Groups (List in Formation):

- Women in Green
- Professors For A Strong Israel
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A free nation

Jerusalem police hold back members of Am Hofshi to prevent them from clashing with haredim during a demonstration of support for the Fresco restaurant yesterday. Fresco, located on Rehov Hanevi'im near the haredi neighborhood of Mea She'arim, is open on Shabbat and serves unkosher food. Haredim have been staging Shabbat protests in front of the restaurant for the past several weeks.

(Brian Hendler)

Half-year after museum rebuff

Jewish leaders urge Arafat to quash Holocaust denial

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Jewish groups and Holocaust scholars are demanding that Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat denounce and quash Holocaust denial by Palestinian officials and publications.

Before the weekend, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations sent a letter to Arafat, and the Zionist Organization of America and a number of scholars placed an ad in Anglo-Jewish newspapers, condemning Holocaust denial by Palestinians and demanding that Arafat stop it.

"We believe the debasing descriptions and even denial of the murder of six million Jews during World War II are particularly offensive and unacceptable," said the letter by the Conference of Presidents.

It urged Arafat to "denounce this historical revisionism and

declare as unacceptable all written or oral denigration and diminution of the Holocaust." The ad called for condemnation of a July 2 article in the Palestinian newspaper *Al Hayat al Jadida* that called the Holocaust a "deceitful myth."

Arafat's place in remembrance of the Holocaust is a disputed issue among American Jews.

Last January, Arafat was invited, un-invited and re-invited to visit the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. Arafat declined the second invitation.

The invitation had been prompted by the State Department. Some in the Jewish community supported it, viewing a museum visit by Arafat as an important educational experience and an act of reconciliation with Israel.

Others, however, found the prospect offensive, saying Arafat is a terrorist and arguing that the visit could be exploited in Palestinian propaganda.

The *New York Times* reported Friday that Hanan Ashrawi, the PA minister for higher education, said she knew of no Palestinian officials who had made statements distorting the Holocaust. "We don't deny the Holocaust," Ashrawi was quoted as saying.

"We don't denigrate it. Actually we think recognition of the immorality of the Holocaust is a basic moral component," Ashrawi also told the *Times* that the PA has no official newspaper and that the editors of *Al Hayat al Jadida* are completely independent.

Among those signing the ad were Morton Klein, president of ZOA; Emil Fackenheim, professor emeritus of Holocaust studies at Hebrew University; Efraim Zuroff, head of the Israel office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center; Michael Berenbaum, president of the Shoah Visual History Foundation; and Neal Sher, formerly director of the US Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit.

Defense Ministry spends millions on jubilee exhibit

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Defense Ministry is spending millions of shekels to put on a grand jubilee exhibition next month, but it will not receive any money from the estimated NIS 30 million collected for tickets.

The massive exhibition, which opens on August 3 at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds, will display some of the latest advanced weaponry in Israel's arsenal to the public for the first time. These include the Ofek satellite, the Arrow missile battery and anti-ballistic missile system known as "The Wall."

Other items never before seen by the public that will be on display will be the Gili anti-tank rocket, Python 4 air-to-air missile and the Harpy lethal, unmanned aerial vehicle.

The exhibit includes an 800-seat, air-conditioned theater, 22 booths that cover 15,000 square meters of fair grounds, and what organizers claim will be non-stop entertainment.

In a joint IDF-Defense Ministry endeavor, the exhibition will house 20 pavilions representing each IDF branch as well as military industries. But the pavilion of the future is bound to draw a lot of interest since it is here that the IDF will display its top-of-the-line weapons like the F-15 fighter jet, Apache helicopters, MLRS artillery, Merkava 3 tank, a Patriot anti-missile battery and the Gili rocket.

Organizers also said the 25-day exhibition will include an obstacle course where IDF instructors will train anyone willing to try it, an Omega swing like those used to train paratroopers and computer games. IDF instructors will be on hand at each station, as well as veteran soldiers who will tell interested youth of their service in the IDF. "We don't want the crowd to wait at any point. There will be

things to look at each turn," said Brig.-Gen. Zion Sapir, commander of the exhibit.

Sapir, deputy head of Ground Forces Command, said staging the exhibit prodded the IDF to construct a new film and displays lauding the IDF, which will be used repeatedly for the next five years. The army has been working on the exhibition since March 1997.

Sapir said the exhibition cost NIS 7.5 million just to construct, not including running costs and salaries. This money came from the coffers of the Defense Ministry, which has earmarked NIS 20.5 million for jubilee celebrations.

Tickets for the exhibition cost NIS 25 and the IDF expects about 50,000 people to visit daily.

"I have no idea what they will do with the money. But we are not getting any of it," said Sapir.

Some ministries have decided not to participate in the exhibition, but the IDF said they saw this as a way "to market the military IDF." Sapir said. It has even taken over the exhibition hall that was to have gone to the Education Ministry, which backed out because it did not want to spend the money.

Sapir said that the Jubilee Committee, headed by Doron Shmueli, was paying for the rent of the pavilions.

The exhibition will run until August 31. It will be open from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily, except Fridays. It will be open on Saturday night from after Shabbat until midnight. On Sundays it will be open from 9 a.m. to allow groups of soldiers to visit before they head back to their bases.

The exhibit has one pavilion devoted to the memory of those fallen in defense of the state and will for the first time display all of the 20,300 names on its walls.

One particularly unusual section of the exhibit will be devoted to safety and protection of IDF forces. This will include a life-size reconstruction of a section of the Dila at IDF outpost in south Lebanon showing the various levels of protection.

The films, narration and almost every document is in Hebrew, but Sapir said that some signs would be in English, Russian and Arabic. Groups and missions from abroad wishing to visit the fair can contact the IDF Spokesman's office to arrange a guided tour in English.

A hundred vessels sail to protect beaches

By LIAT COLLINS

More than 100 vessels, from yachts to fishing boats, kayaks to dinghies, took part in the Fourth Annual Sail for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea which took place off the Tel Aviv coast Friday.

The event was organized by the Israel Yacht Club and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel in cooperation with the Environment Ministry. This year's theme was protection of the beaches and the floating parade sailed by Jaffa Harbor, which is being threatened with construction.

Environment Minister Raphael Eitan was among the guests of honor who took to sea for the event. Three Tel Aviv mayoral candidates — Doron Rubin, Dan Darin and Michael Ro'eh — also took part. Ron Huldai declined the invitation, reportedly because he did not want to appear in public with the others.

Eitan spoke of the importance of keeping the sea clean and said in the coming months special emphasis would probably be placed on protecting the beaches in Tel Aviv and Jaffa, in particular.

SPNI Chairman Yoav Sagi said Tel Aviv is currently leading the



Environment Minister Raphael Eitan takes to the sea off the Tel Aviv coast Friday, on one of the over 100 boats that took part in the Fourth Annual Sail for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea. (Israel Sun)

trend in protecting the coast after Mayor Ronni Milo has frozen the many plans for construction along the shoreline.

He said he hoped the fact that three mayoral candidates turned up for a public event dedicated to environmental issues and coastal con-

servation is a sign that they understand the importance of the matter "and will continue to understand its importance after the elections."

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Croatia seeks extradition of death camp head's wife

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Croatia will ask Argentina to hand over the wife of the commander of Croatia's worst World War II concentration camp on suspicion of war crimes, the justice ministry said yesterday.

The move followed a request from a Zagreb prosecutor to launch a criminal investigation of Nada Sakic, the state-run news agency Hina said yesterday. The investigation is expected to be formally launched in the coming week.

Sakic, 76, also known as Esperanza, is believed to have run a wing for female prisoners at the Jasenovac concentration camp when she was only 16. Tens of thousands of Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and insurgent Croats were killed

at Jasenovac, the worst of more than 20 concentration camps run by Croatia's World War II Nazi puppet state.

Nada Sakic's husband, Dinko Sakic, who ran Jasenovac from 1942-44, was extradited to Croatia in June on suspicion of war crimes committed against civilians.

A Zagreb court is hearing testimony from survivors and experts in its investigation of him. Indictment and trial are expected.

Sakic was arrested Friday in Argentina, where she has lived since the end of the war, following an extradition request from Yugoslavia, where she faces genocide charges.

Croatia's initiation of an investigation signals that it does not want her handed over to Serb-led Yugoslavia, where she would face a much tougher trial, as the majority of Jasenovac's victims were Serbs.

The Zagreb investigation request says Sakic "tortured... inmates in the camp of Stara Gradiska in 1942-5, which led to the death of a large, so far unknown number of persons" while she was a member of Croatia's World War II pro-Nazi forces, said Zagreb District Attorney Radovan Santek.

The district attorney's office also recommended that she be jailed upon arrival in Croatia.

Ethiopian scientist to provide community's traditional bread

By JUDY SIEGEL

The traditional injera bread still eaten daily by most of the 70,000 Ethiopian immigrants here could eventually be made from native grown teff, the cereal staple that is now imported for this purpose.

An Ethiopian immigrant scientist who joined his wife and two children here in 1996 has, with an Absorption Ministry grant, succeeded in growing five varieties of teff at the Hebrew University's agriculture faculty in Rehovot.

Now he hopes private interests will provide additional funds to

determine which of the types is most suited to Israeli soil and climate and make commercial application possible.

Aynalem Hailu, who received his master of science degree in plant genetics and agriculture at Friendship University in Moscow in 1982, headed a research institute in Addis Ababa for a decade. He sent his family on to Israel and went to England to study for his Ph.D. degree, but he didn't complete it, preferring instead to settle here.

Six months ago, he launched his research project at the agriculture faculty, based on work he had done

abroad.

Hailu, who speaks fluent English and Russian and some Hebrew, said that the grain, which grows to about a meter in height, needs heavy soil and thrives on only a moderate amount of water — best delivered by drip irrigation.

Teff seeds are imported from Ethiopia and ground up here by the importer; this process makes the flour expensive — about NIS 7.50 per kilo — which is a burden on the immigrants.

Teff comes from the Amharic word, *teffa*, which means lost; the grain is so tiny that it's tough to

find if it gets dropped on the ground.

"Injera can be made from barley or wheat, but *teffa* is much more tasty and traditional," Hailu told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"Any Ethiopian immigrant home that doesn't have injera is considered a poor one. The bread is not available ready-made, but prepared daily with water and yeast by the women, even those with professions outside the home."

It's prepared over the fire in a special pan in rural areas of Ethiopia, but with an electrical device in the urban areas.



Signing on with Israel

American youths from the Nifty movement sign the declaration of independence, as their Israeli peers did earlier this year, at a gathering held in front of the Knesset Thursday. (Brian Heald)

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In government shake-up

Yeltsin fires Federal Security Service chief

News agencies

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin fired the head of the Federal Security Service yesterday and replaced him with a former KGB agent recently brought into the administration.

Russian news agencies said security chief Nikolai Kovalyov was replaced by Vladimir Putin, a former intelligence officer posted to Germany during the 1970s who was recently appointed Yeltsin's first deputy chief of staff in charge of relations with Russia's regions. The

Federal Security Service is the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB.

Yeltsin issued his warning after meeting with Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko at a government resort in northwestern Russia, where the president is vacationing. "Decisions have been made," Yeltsin told reporters.

Yeltsin and Kiriyenko discussed a variety of issues, including the situation in the breakaway region of Chechnya, whose president was the target of a failed car-bomb attack, and Kiriyenko's meetings earlier in the week with US Vice

President Al Gore.

Yeltsin said they also talked about how Russia can repay international loans without "harming the life and well-being of our people." International lenders recently agreed to a new \$17.1 billion loan, bringing Russia's total bailout package to \$22.6 billion.

Yeltsin has a long history of frequent personnel changes. Kiriyenko was appointed earlier this year after Yeltsin dismissed much of his cabinet, including then-prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The 67-year-old Kremlin chief

also said the country needs to start thinking how it would pay back a huge international loan package and clear domestic debts.

"A politically difficult autumn awaits us," Interfax news agency quoted Yeltsin as saying at the end of his first week of vacation. "As always, there's a little breather and then it starts again."

In an unsourced report, Ekho Moskvy radio station said two of three deputy prime ministers are likely to be replaced, possibly by regional governors.

Kiriyenko's reformist team has

been in place only since early May. Yeltsin snubbed the world in March when he sacked the old government, saying reforms needed to be made more tangible for average Russians, and appointed the little-known Kiriyenko.

The summer has hardly been a lull for Russia. The International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and Japan have pledged \$22.6 billion overall as a rescue package to bolster Russia's reserves, ease pressure on the ruble, and help the vast nuclear power overcome a persistent financial crisis.

Yeltsin said it is already time to mull how to clear those loans and

domestic public sector debts, such as wage arrears. Underscoring the importance of tackling this, unpaid workers have kept up pressure on the government across the country.

Miners maintained a blockade of part of the trans-Siberian railway and others in the southern Urals threatened to join in. On the island of Sakhalin in Russia's far east, officials were forced to start cutting power to homes because a blockaded electricity plant was running out of coal.

Kiriyenko said Yeltsin had signed decrees needed to push through a stabilization plan to overcome the crisis, which was

sparked by Asian economic chaos, a fall in the global price of oil — Russia's major export — and low tax revenues.

The decrees included one enshrining a previously announced 50-percent cut in energy tariffs to businesses that pay bills in cash. Another decree outlined what Russian military hardware can be sold abroad. Arms exports are a major hard-currency earner.

The government stabilization plan is one of the conditions demanded by the IMF in return for its \$11.2 billion loan, the first \$4.8 billion tranche of which was handed out this week.



Heavy flooding

A man struggles to pull his rickshaw along a flooded road yesterday on the outskirts of Dhaka, Bangladesh. The floods, caused by heavy rain, have killed more than 90 people and left millions affected. Bangladesh has put its army on alert to provide emergency help.

Cambodians go to polls today

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — When they had elections five years ago under the protection of 20,000 UN peacekeepers, Cambodians defied threats from genocidal Khmer Rouge guerrillas and came out in droves to vote, showing a hankering for peace and democracy after decades of civil war and bloodshed.

As they wait to cast ballots again today, they have the same desire.

And despite all the pressure put on them by strongman Hun Sen to vote for his formerly communist Cambodian People's Party, no one can be quite sure what the outcome of the election will be.

"I don't wish for anything else but peace," said in Sok, 53, a farmer near the port town of Sihanoukville, where principal opposition candidate Prince Norodom Ranariddh took a swim as the campaign period officially closed Friday.

The 1993 elections were won by

Ranariddh's royalist FUNCINPEC. The result was a surprise, since Hun Sen, who came to power in 1985 under the harsh Vietnamese military occupation that followed the murderous Khmer Rouge regime, was more organized and more ruthless in intimidating his opponents.

Hun Sen forced his way into a copremiership with Ranariddh by threatening civil war, then deposed him last July, after four tense years, in fighting that devastated parts of Phnom Penh with tanks, mortars and rockets. He has called the new election in a bid to regain international legitimacy and aid.

This time, with the UN only coordinating foreign observers, Hun Sen has resorted to a wide range of tactics — alleged murders of opponents, intimidation, bribery, denial of media access, packing the electoral machinery with his supporters — to make sure he wins.

But if Cambodians think they

can vote secretly, without fear of retribution — about the only condition verbalized by the European Union's observation mission chief, Glenys Kinnock, for polls to get her endorsement — Hun Sen may still have a surprise.

"Cambodians really liked the election in 1993," Sydney Schanberg, the journalist whose experiences in the Khmer Rouge takeover in 1975 were told in the Academy Award-winning film *The Killing Fields*, said in an interview in Washington.

"I have a suspicion that they're going to show their interest in democracy by voting in great numbers this time," Schanberg said. "They may surprise us. They may not respond to the intimidation of the present ruler, who doesn't have a very charming approach."

Some 5.4 million Cambodians, more than 90 percent of the eligible voters, have registered to cast ballots for the 122 National Assembly seats at stake.

Puerto Rico may become 51st state

By DAN PERRY

GUANICA, Puerto Rico (AP) — To screams of approval at a rally yesterday marking 100 years since US troops invaded, Gov. Pedro Rossello announced a referendum on Puerto Rico becoming the 51st of the United States.

His announcement of a December vote comes as a bill for a plebiscite approved by the US House of Representatives has stalled before opposition from the Senate.

"If after 100 years, the US Senate does not possess the will to put an end to a century of colonialism, Puerto Rico does," Rossello told tens of thousands of cheering supporters waving the US flag and Puerto Rico's single star and stripes. Even before Rossello's announcement, his opponents predicted the failure of such a referendum on an island where polls over the past five years have shown islanders evenly divided, with about 40 percent supporting

statehood and the same percentage the current commonwealth status.

"If he holds a [local] plebiscite, he will lose it," independence supporters were told at a nearby rally by Lolita Lebron, the unrepentant militant who led a 1954 armed attack on the US House of Representatives that wounded five lawmakers.

Fernando Martin, vice president of the Puerto Rico Independence Party, told reporters that the Senate's stalling showed "tremendous opposition to statehood in the United States."

Opponents query the wisdom of making a state of the mainly Spanish-speaking island, where two-thirds of the people get some form of US aid while paying no US taxes.

Estrados Unidos! statehooders jeered at *independentistas* on Friday as they went their separate ways to the rallies at Guanica, the town where 100 years ago the US battleship *Gloucester* steamed in to launch an embarrassingly swift end to 400 years of Spanish colonial rule.

"La Patria o La Muerte! [Fatherland or Death!]" declared a poster carried by one *independentista* among the fewer than 5% of islanders that polls show support independence.

French 'angel-of-death' nurse attempts suicide

By JEAN-FRANCOIS GUYOT

MANTES-LA-JOLIE, France (AP) — A French nurse has admitted she was an angel of death who helped about 30 terminally ill patients to die, then tried to commit suicide after learning she was being investigated, officials said yesterday.

It was seen as France's most dramatic case of euthanasia and was expected to raise new debate over whether the practice should be decriminalized, as it has been in the Netherlands and the US state

of Oregon.

Francois-Quesnay Hospital on yesterday decided to suspend the nurse, 28-year-old Christine Malevre, after authorities put her under formal investigation for murder, one step short of being charged.

The hospital in Mantes-la-Jolie west of Paris, where Malevre worked since 1995, announced in a statement yesterday that it was a civil party in the case.

But none of the patients' families had pressed charges, officials said. The families asked Malevre to help the patients "put an end to

their suffering," judicial sources said on condition of anonymity.

Authorities withheld the exact number of patients who died and the means of euthanasia. The dead were described as elderly terminal cancer patients.

On the night of May 6, Malevre tried to commit suicide when she found out about the probe, hospital officials said. She was placed under formal investigation — one step short of being charged — on July 8 and was freed, the judicial sources said.

The investigating judge found

no criminal motives and determined she was sincere in her actions, the sources said. But with France lacking a euthanasia law, Malevre faced murder charges.

Authorities concealed the case until the newspaper *Le Parisien* reported it yesterday.

Countries across the world have grappled with mercy killing, a growing issue for aging populations with technology providing new ways to prolong life. The US state of Michigan is to vote on a medically assisted suicide law November 3.

Sudanese famine overwhelms aid workers

By DIANNA CAHN

AJIEP, Sudan (AP) — Abut Aburgine's baby lies motionless against her naked breast, too weak to raise a scrawny arm or make a sound.

Her three other children seem almost lifeless on a mat at a small center set up to feed starving Sudanese who have trudged long distances to find the only food in the rebel-controlled area.

Aburgine is one of the lucky ones. Next to her a woman screams. Her baby just died.

As the death toll rises in Ajiep, a small town in southern Sudan, aid workers trying to feed the endless flow of starving people find themselves turning hundreds away.

"Every day we have people dying in front of our door," Carine Daensens, a nurse with Doctors Without Borders, said yesterday at the center that is feeding about 2,570 people a day.

"We have people eating sand outside our gate," Aid workers reported that six people died Friday in Ajiep, 40 kilometers northeast of the government-held

town of Wau. Ajiep is just one of hundreds of towns hit by famine caused by 15 years of civil war and drought.

Wau, the capital of Bahr el-Ghazal province, is 900 kilometers southwest of the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

The UN World Food Program has air-dropped 290 tons of food in the past 10 days in Ajiep, enough to feed 33,000 people for a month. But an estimated 70,000 people in and around Ajiep are starving, said Patrick Schmitt, the agency's logistics coordinator.

Southerners took up arms in 1983 to press for increased autonomy for the predominantly animist, Christian and African southern provinces of Sudan that have traditionally been dominated by the Muslim and Arabized north. An estimated 1.5 million people have died in the fighting and accompanying famines.

The United Nations says 1.5 million people in southern Sudan need relief food. Schmitt said the biggest problem is not lack of supplies but getting them to places like Ajiep.

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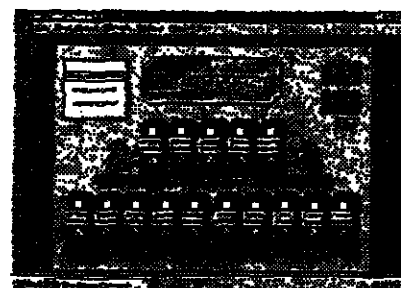
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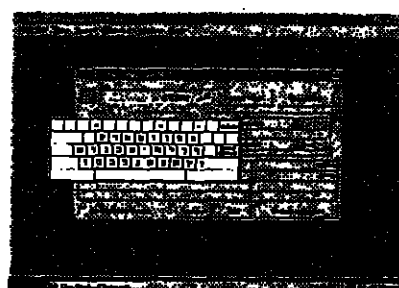
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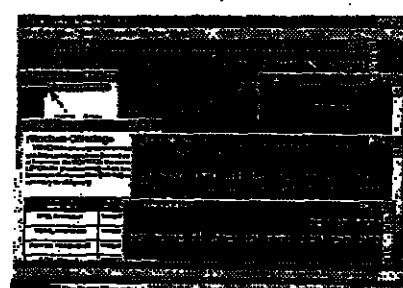
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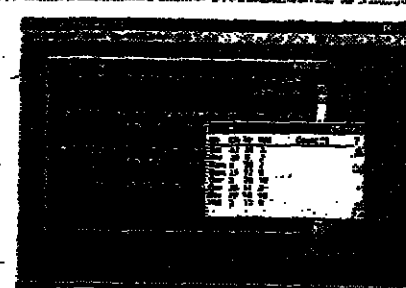
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Coppola's war vs. Warner Bros.

By CLAUDIA ELLER
and JAMES BATES

The last movie Francis Ford Coppola directed, John Grisham's *The Rainmaker*, culminates in a stunning jury award in favor of a plaintiff tacking powerful business interests. The filmmaker's own real-life court drama eerily tracks his movie.

Taking on the giant Warner Bros., Coppola was recently awarded \$80 million in damages, a record verdict against a Hollywood studio, after persuading a Los Angeles jury that Warner interfered with a version of *Pinocchio* he wanted to make at Columbia Pictures by improperly claiming it owned the project.

Coppola, 59, is again at the center of attention for the latest chapter in a colorful career dating back some 30 years that includes such films as the *Godfather* trilogy, *Apocalypse Now* and *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

Although he professes to love Hollywood despite his legal battle, Coppola has often been at odds with the studio system. He was nearly fired by Paramount Pictures during the making of *The Godfather*. In his best-selling book, *Easy Riders, Raging Bulls* about directors in the 1970s, writer Peter Biskind says Coppola identifies with *Godfather* character Michael Corleone's decision to enter the family crime business because "in Michael's pact with the devil lies the tale of Coppola's uneasy relationship with the studios."

Coppola says he was in part inspired to make a *Pinocchio* musical by the death of his son, Gio, who was killed at 22 in a boating accident in 1986. For its part, Warner calls the Coppola verdict "simply ludicrous" and expresses confidence that the studio will prevail on appeal. Warner declined to comment about Coppola's sharp criticism of the company's executives. Coppola, who lives in Northern California where he owns a winery, was interviewed by phone from Toronto. He was there visiting the set of *The Virgin Suicides*, a film directed by his daughter, Sofia.

"I definitely feel a form of vindication," he says. "It is not, however, a wonderful feeling or a joyous feeling to participate in some-

thing like this."

One senses that artistic control is the central issue. Coppola complains that "the studio system still struggles to hang onto control of creative work and as much ownership as they can get for as little as they can pay for it. [Film executives are] no longer in the movie business, they're really only looking at the share prices."

His problems with Warner Bros. go back three decades.

"Thirty years ago they wanted to recoup their development costs for myself and George Lucas and John Milius who had worked on scripts for them. They paid for them, and then decided not to make them. And they were some famous movies - *Apocalypse Now*, *American Graffiti*. And, then when *The Godfather* came out and was very successful, I think Warner Bros. was embarrassed. When we started to go for *Godfather II*, Warners sent a letter to Paramount saying that they would put a cloud on the title unless I paid back all their development costs. Paramount did pay them and made *Godfather II*, but deducted the costs from me. So 30 years later, they did the same thing with no justification whatsoever."

He has little time for Warner's contention that *Pinocchio* would have been too expensive to make.

"There's more smoke coming out of Warner Bros. than out of fires in Florida. ... Basically, the issue was I would write and direct it, 'just pay me what I've gotten over the last four years,' which was \$5m. against 15 percent of the gross. They told me they couldn't do that. 'We've never paid that. It would be preposterous therefore we can't do it.' They were lying of course."

He's particularly upset because it was such a personal project.

"I wanted to make a film for children, for my granddaughter, a film that was a musical," he says. "At that time, looking back, it was a wonderful period for films like *Toy Story*, *Aladdin* and *Lion King*. This was the heyday of the family film. And, we thought that a really beautiful and original retelling of *Pinocchio* using some degree of this new computer technology, would be stunning."

(Los Angeles Times)



Francis Ford Coppola has been battling the studio system for three decades.

(File photo: UPPA)

Actor Robert Young dies at 91

By ANDY EDELSTEIN

Was there anyone in the 1950s, '60s and '70s who didn't wish they had a dad like Jim Anderson of *Father Knows Best* or a doctor like Marcus Welby? Both characters were played by Robert Young, one of the few TV performers to be closely identified with a pair of such popular and long-running characters.

Young, 91, died Tuesday night of respiratory failure at his home in the Los Angeles suburb of Westlake Village.

During his career, Young acted on stage, in more than 100 movies and on the radio. But he was best-known for his two major TV roles, which won him three Emmy Awards.

First was Jim Anderson, the loving husband and father of three in *Father Knows Best* (1954-63), the family comedy series that consistently rated in the top 10.

The show failed to catch on its first year and was canceled by CBS. A flood of viewer mail persuaded NBC to pick it up and the show aired there for three seasons, until CBS took it back.

Insurance agent Jim Anderson, who lived in the fictitious small town of Springfield, became the model for the TV dads who followed him, from Ward Cleaver (Hugh Beaumont) of *Leave It to Beaver* to Cliff Huxtable (Bill Cosby of *The Cosby Show*).

In Dwight Eisenhower's America, Jim - the benevolent, if occasionally stern, father - and his brood practically defined the 1950s buzzword "togetherness." The Andersons never fought, barely even raised their voices, and if they were bothered by debt or doubt, we never saw it.

At the end of the 1959-60 season, Young decided to end the

show because he wanted it to go out while it was still a hit. But *Father Knows Best* was so popular that reruns ran in prime time for the next three seasons.

Young actually did appear in one flop series, playing a writer in *Window on Main Street* in 1961-62. But he re-emerged seven years later, at 62, to star in *Marcus Welby, M.D.* Welby was the kind of doctor we needed and trusted. He was a general practitioner who put his patients first and even made house calls. Welby became the top-rated show of the 1970-71 season, the first ABC production to achieve that position.

When Welby left the air in 1976, Young remained a TV presence through his Sanka commercials and TV movies.

Unlike his characters, however, Young's reality was much darker off-camera.

He battled alcoholism and depression throughout his life and in 1991 attempted suicide.

He admitted in interviews that he felt guilty playing such upright citizens when, in his private life, he sought solace in a bottle to stave off depression.

"I hid a black terror behind a cheerful face. Naturally, I tried to find a way out. Alcoholism was the inevitable result," he said in a 1983 interview.

Born in Chicago on February 22, 1907, Young was one of five children.

After graduating from high school, he worked at a bank during the day and studied acting at night. His first professional appearance, at age 22, was with a touring theatrical group.

Young is survived by four daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife of 61 years, Betty, died in 1994.

(Newsday)

A bow & arrow experience for 44 young violinists

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Over the last few summers, young violinists from all over the world have gathered in the serene atmosphere of Kibbutz Eilon in the western Galilee to hone their craft with some of the finest teachers in the world.

The Keshet Eilon summer school is one of the best and most sought after for violinists from around the globe, and draws enthusiastic faculty and student response.

Forty-four young violinists, half of whom are Israelis, live and breathe violin over two-and-a-half weeks which began this past Friday, and mingle with each other and with their teachers in an attempt to combine the calm and peaceful beauty of the surroundings with the calmness of the mind and soul.

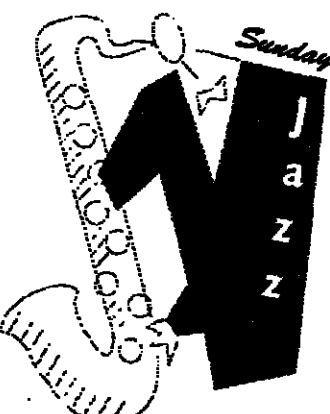
Renowned Israeli violinist Shlomo Mintz has long adopted this unique project and spends

every summer in Eilon teaching the young musicians and the violin starts of the next millennium.

He will be joined this summer by founders Itzhak Rashkovsky and Annie Schnarch and many others including Ora Shiran, David Chen, Amos Capeletti, Hagai Shaham, Haim Taub and Sylvia Marcovici in a most exciting program which will conclude with a gala concert August 11 in Tel Aviv. It will feature, as has become customary, a commissioned new Israeli work, this time a new opus by young composer Gil Shohat.

But until the young violinists reach that performance they will study privately and in master classes open to the public in Eilon and the surrounding area, and will also spend time practicing archery, which Keshet Eilon organizers believe helps the overall concentration and artistry of violin playing.

A 'jazz noir' soundtrack for the '90s



By Calev Ben-David

Film noir is a movie genre that immediately brings to mind images of trench-coated detectives stalking sultry blondes down dark, rain-drenched city streets.

And what kind of music would be playing on the soundtrack? Certainly some kind of jazz. But is

NIGHT AND THE CITY
Kenny Barron and
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Brad Mehldau
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there such a thing as "jazz noir"? If there is, that's exactly what pianist Kenny Barron and bassist Charlie Haden have aimed to create on their superb new album, *Night*



Charlie Haden (left) and Kenny Barron

and the City (Verve/Helicon). The title itself is taken from one of the classics of film noir, and the album cover illustration, Georgia O'Keeffe's moody nighttime painting of New York's "Radiant Building," evokes the kind of dark urban setting associated with the genre.

In lesser hands than Barron's and Haden's, this kind of project could easily come off as contrived and pretentious. But there's no danger of that here.

Barron, who first gained prominence in the 1960s playing with Dizzy Gillespie, has emerged in the past three decades as one of jazz's top keyboardists, especially through his collaborations with saxophonist Stan Getz. Haden matches

Barron's feats as both a composer/arranger as well as an instrumentalist. In the past few years he's played on some remarkable duo albums with pianist Hank Jones and guitarist Pat Metheny, generously giving his collaborator the performing spotlight, while using his formidable producing skills to shape the overall tone of the project.

Haden does the same here with Barron, who's more than up to the task they assign themselves here to create a jazz-noir soundtrack. Having already recorded a Manhattanesque tone poem titled *Other Places* four years ago, Barron knows this piece of asphalt territory well. The pianist, who used to head a Thelonius Monk-oriented combo called Sphere, has the same

spare, precise yet lyrical style as Monk, perfect for the kind of subdued, moody playing required here.

On his own original compositions like "Twilight Song," those of Haden ("Waltz for Ruth") and standards like "Body and Soul" and "Spring Is Here," Barron, with peerless support from the bassist, creates a kind of elegant, refined piano-bar music that perfectly evokes Humphrey Bogart drowning his woes in a sea of whiskey. This is an album worth treasuring.

AT JUST 26, Brad Mehldau has already staked a claim as one of Barron's successors as a king of the jazz keyboards.

Presently a leader of his own trio, he first gained attention as a member of tenor saxophonist Joshua Redman's band. Like Redman, Mehldau is one of those young Turks with an encyclopedic knowledge of jazz history. He studied at both the Berklee and Mannes jazz programs, along with receiving classical training. In short, he's a prodigy.

His latest album, *Brad Mehldau: Live at the Village Vanguard*, is a recorded performance of him with sidemen Larry Grenadier (bass) and Jorge Rossy (drums) at the tiny, triangular-shaped Greenwich Village club often called the greatest jazz venue in the world.

Having spent many an evening at the Vanguard, I can imagine how thrilling it must be to sit in those intimate quarters and be blown away by a pyrotechnical virtuoso like Mehldau. On such standards as "It's Alright With Me," "Moon River," "Monk's

Dream" and Coltrane's "Countdown," he literally takes your breath away with dizzying changes in tempo, lightning-fast chord changes and playful improvisation.

Having said all that, this album left me a little cold. Mehldau not surprisingly cites as one of his inspirations Keith Jarrett, and like the man regarded in some quarters as a keyboard deity (I'm a heretic in that regard), he's also got a strong streak of self-indulgence. In other words, as the Emperor says to Mozart in *Amadeus*: "Too many notes."

What's missing from Mehldau is the kind of easy assurance of a mature master like Barron, something he may well acquire in time. Until then, while I'd gladly pay to hear Mehldau perform live, I'm less than thrilled hearing him live on CD.

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Sabra Sounds



By Shai Teur

One day last year Eyal Golan woke up to find that he had become Elvis. This came with the release of his

HAYAL SHELAHAVA
Eyal Golan
(Helicon)

fourth album, *Biladayich* ("Without You"). The album sold more than 250,000 copies and catapulted the young former foot-

baller from a relatively obscure Oriental singer to one of the country's hottest celebrities.

The success of *Biladayich* signaled that the Israeli mainstream had finally come to embrace Middle Eastern music. It also demonstrated the power of catchy tunes of whatever genre.

Less than a year later, Golan is back with his follow-up record, *Hayal Shel Ahava* ("Soldier of Love"). Like *Biladayich*, the new album is a piece of musical baklava: sweet, sticky, and irresistible if you're in the mood.

Hayal Shel Ahava continues Golan's association with Ethnix frontman Ze'ev Nehama. Nehama has returned as the album's producer and primary songwriter. With Ethnix, Nehama made a name for himself fusing Oriental motifs and Western dance music, which is much more clearly Oriental.

The 10 songs on the album all deal with love in its various forms,

from upbeat ballads to downbeat tales of heartbreak. Vocally, Golan's singing style has some echoes of a younger Boaz Sharabi, with Yemenite phrasings and heavy-duty emotionality.

The songs utilize standard Middle Eastern instruments such as the darbouka and bouzouki, as well as a Mizrahi guitar style and percussion.

Although the arrangements may be standard, the tunes aren't. Credit Nehama, who knows a good musical hook as much as any Israeli artist working today. The album is undeniably catchy. The rhythmic opening track, "My Beautiful One," has an air of familiarity to it. Listeners may find themselves humming along even the first time. The album trots out a number of tracks based on similar funky grooves. "On the Portuguese Beach" and "Shekels" are both good butt-wiggling affairs, the kind that made Golan's last album a major hit.

On the slower side, one also

finds a number of slightly gooey ballads. Thematically, these tend to be the sad numbers. On the album's first radio single, "Tears," Golan laments, "You told me the rain would wash away my tears, but the rain has stopped and the tears still flow."

While keeping to the theme of love, the songs occasionally have a bit of an edge to them. On "To Buy You a Diamond," the singer goes off in search of work. "Without bread, there can be no love," he sings, adding that the only thing he has ever wanted was to earn enough to buy his love a diamond ring.

The title track, "Soldier of Love," meanwhile, tells of a soldier guarding the northern border. He prays for peace so that he can return home and be with his beloved.

Golan's phenomenal success is a key factor in the rise of Oriental music, which is fast becoming the Israeli version of American Country & Western.

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Victory for Iran's hardliners

Iran's hard-line clerical rulers have been gloating in their Friday sermons about the harsh sentences imposed on the mayor of Tehran, who has been adopted as a figurehead by those calling for reform.

Whether the mayor was actually guilty of any misdemeanors as charged, his sentencing proves one thing to the watching world - offering international good will to the moderate President Mohammed Khatami is futile as long as he remains hemmed in by unreformed fundamentalists.

Harsh as was the sentence given to Mayor Gholamhossein Karbaschi on graft charges - five years jail, a 20-year ban on holding public office, heavy fines, and 60 lashes (suspended for four years) - there are still voices calling for his execution. Clearly, the aim of this demand is not so much to teach corrupt officials a lesson, as to teach one to the president and those to look to him for reforms.

It was not the mayor's alleged misuse of public funds that so outraged the hard-line religious leaders. The mayor's undisputed financial wheel-dealing was directed not only at sprucing up the capital city, but was used to mobilize the massive support of wealthy secular businessmen behind Khatami's startlingly successful election campaign last year.

The guardians of Khomeini's uncompromising hard line were taken by surprise to find themselves with a reformist and Western-looking president on their hands, and their rage has been first directed at Mayor Karbaschi for putting him there.

Yet the simple truth remains that, however much wishful thinking the West has been indulging in since Khatami's landslide election victory, the Iranian presidency remains a toothless office on crucial matters and the religious hierarchy is determined that this should remain so. Not only the judiciary, but the military and major internal affairs sectors remain in the hands of the clerical conservatives.

Nonetheless, the hardliners will have to tread warily. Their attempts to stir up populist rage against Karbaschi's alleged corruption has fallen

on the deaf ears of most Tehran residents, according to local reports. They see the mayor more as Robin Hood than robber baron and can point to a vast array of civic amenities, from rejuvenated parks to libraries and community centers, financed by Karbaschi's maverick system of taxing property developments.

The struggle for supremacy is by no means over in Iran, but the fact it will continue is of little comfort to Westerners hoping for a more civilized foreign policy.

The confirmed testing of Iran's 1,300-km range Shihab-3 missile last week is cause for grave concern not only for Israel, but for the Gulf Arab states and Saudi Arabia as well, so long as the uncompromising followers of the religious hierarchy are calling the shots. As President Bill Clinton has said, it is a development that could change the "stability dynamics" of the Middle East.

And lest anyone still remains starry-eyed about reform in Iran, attention should be paid to the outrage expressed by UN Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson over the unwarranted execution of a Bahai man in Tehran, allegedly for accepting the conversion of a Moslem woman to his faith. This religious group, whose spiritual center is in Haifa, was subjected to the most vicious persecution under Ayatollah Khomeini but was halted under President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani. Once again this is a sign of the hard-line judiciary exercising its authority for Khatami's benefit.

Judges last week also canceled the license of a reformist newspaper, *Jamneah*, whose staff promptly reissued it under a new name and license. Yet the usually hard-line *Jamhuri Eslam* yesterday also strongly criticized the tough sentence on the mayor, saying in an editorial that if the judges had any concern for national unity, they would have tempered their sentencing. This may indicate that support is slipping away from the conservatives. It does not indicate that power is slipping away - and that is what should concern the democratic world, and persuade it to maintain its vigilance. Iran remains a potentially dangerous force in the Middle East.

New leader for Japan

Japan's prime minister-designate, Keizo Obuchi, deserves congratulations and best wishes on his victory Friday over his two rivals, but it would be misleading to say the Japanese or the rest of the world are madly enthusiastic about his election.

Mired in its worst recession since World War II, Japan would appear to be in need of new blood, new ideas, and dynamic imaginative leadership. Not many experts predict it will get it.

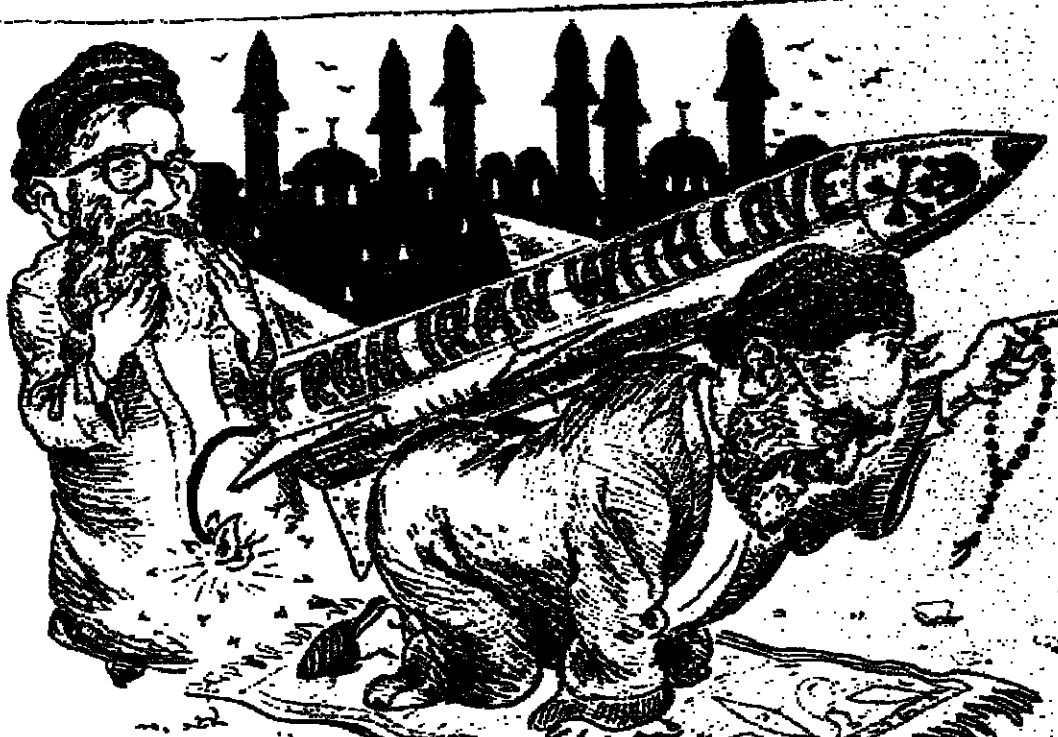
There are doubts that Obuchi is going to be the one who can rescue Japan. He has unveiled no great plans to deal with the current economic crisis, nor to head off a further one. In his run for the premiership he revealed no details about how he proposes to uproot the institutional nettles that have choked the nation's economic miracle.

The doubts were exacerbated by the selection itself. It was little more than a bruising internal

power struggle within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which evoked no public empathy or enthusiasm - business as usual.

If Obuchi proves unable to produce a winning formula for managing the economy, his premiership may be a short one, and his party could face defeat in elections early next year. The prime minister and his government have a lot to do in a short time - he must win over market leaders, captains of industry, voters, other politicians, and the world community. Most importantly, he must restore confidence in Japan's creaking financial system.

It is a tall order, and while it is right that Obuchi should have a fund of good will to see him on his way, it is unlikely that the financial markets will be patient for long, or that he can depend on much of a political honeymoon.



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Asphalt Zionism

ELIHU RICHTER

The Trans-Israel Highway (Route 6) and its feeder roads should not be built. Certainly not for and by investors who have been protected by huge cost-plus subsidies, land giveaways, and land robbery.

The highway will mean more motor vehicles, environmental destruction, road carnage, and pollution - and less mass transit. It will also gut our economic, social, and educational infrastructure. This highway is asphalt Zionism and highway robbery.

The new road will not relieve traffic jams, but induce them. Several months ago *New Scientist*, the prestigious British scientific journal, reported that if governments want to ease traffic congestion, there's a simple solution: Close roads. This cuts demand for private vehicle use and shifts travel to other modes.

Route 6 will do many bad things, as more Israelis will be killed in accidents. The road will produce a cash-for-carnage tradeoff. Cash for the investors: carnage, coffins, and funerals for you and me. Route 6, to gain customers, will market speed: 110 to 120 kmh. But speed kills, and more speed kills more.

Every 1-percent increase in travel speeds leads to a 4-percent rise in death tolls. Drivers hooked on this road's high speed limit will continue to drive faster than usual on other roads. This speed spillover effect could mean 700 to 1,000 deaths per year by the year 2010 - even without a single death on the road itself.

Route 6 is supposed to catalyze foreign investment, connect Israel's periphery to the center, create jobs, generate economic development, and increase wealth. But wealth for whom? Its investors, whose profits are guaranteed - by law.

The road will rob residents, farmers, and landowners of the true value of the lands from which they will be dispossessed at below-value prices.

All the above goals of economic progress can be achieved better by trains, with far less cost and carnage.

Route 6 takes Israel on a one-way trip to the scenario of sprawl and social decline, destroying established communities, encouraging urban flight, and creating rich-poor

mobility gaps. It will also force lower-income families to spend money on extra cars instead of their children's education. It costs NIS 22,000 per year to maintain a car.

FINANCE Minister Yaakov Neeman has obtained Knesset approval for an automatic guarantee to cover annual shortfalls in toll

On Route 6 mobility will be owned, rationed, colonized, monopolized, and denied to the car-less

revenues for Route 6. This means you and I take the risks, the investors pocket the profits. This is why the road is highway robbery.

Worse, the government now has a permanent financial incentive to push drivers onto the toll road. The Transportation Ministry's director-general has already said that the new highway is just the beginning; it needs a huge network of connecting roads.

But many toll roads in Western countries are now losing money. Every bus or train ride not taken on the road will mean a loss of more shekels at the toll booth. Route 6 specifically excludes building an alternative rail line as part of the package.

To protect itself from subsidy payouts, the Treasury - a partner and guarantor of Route 6 - has cut railway budgets so as to destroy competition to the toll road. This is the economic logic which drives Neeman and the Knesset Economic Committee to make the road one more government subsidized monopoly.

The highway has already lifted NIS 300 million of land rights from the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv rail line under the last government. This is why the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv rail line, which has just been closed down, will remain closed. Indeed, Jerusalem is now probably the only prominent capital city in the world

which cannot be reached by train. Neeman is turning Israel into an asphalt republic in which mobility, like bananas, will be owned, rationed, colonized, monopolized, and denied to the car-less. Subsidies for asphalt Zionism and more dependence on cars mean gutted programs for the country's real infrastructure: schools, education, pensions, job training, environmental protection, national health insurance, and investment in high tech and information highways.

Asphalt Zionism's first casualties are the Bialik Institute, which is slated to be closed for the lack of a mere NIS 1m., not cleaning up the Yarkon and other polluted streams, and not building a national water filtration plant; maintaining a feeble Railway Authority; allocating less money for crime fighting; building schools that collapse; and sanctioning cuts in defense budgets.

The World Resources Institute has predicted that global recoverable oil reserves will peak after 2004. Route 6 and its massive network of connecting roads could become an economic anachronism by the time they open; they will irreversibly increase dependence on cars and fuel imports.

The alternative is a sustainable transportation system: a network of fast trains with seven-day service, congestion pricing, and dedicated bus lanes. And speed cameras to cut road death tolls. And no more roads.

This would relieve congestion, reduce the annual nationwide road death toll to under 300, and point us toward what Sweden calls Vision Zero: no road deaths. In England, road death tolls have been cut by up to 70%, both on highways and in towns, thanks to these measures.

So stop asphalt Zionism and highway robbery now. Stop the cash for carnage. Stop robbing the poor to line the pockets of the super-rich. Stop making somewhere into nowhere. Stop building roads. Stop asphalt Zionism.

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The Secret Service privilege

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Should the Secret Service have a privilege to refuse to disclose information it learned in the course of protecting the president or others? That is the question now pending before the courts and soon to be considered by Congress.

But the question is being asked too broadly, and both sides - Kenneth Starr's supporters and the president's - are advocating extreme positions. The question should be broken down into various component parts, and the answer should be different depending on the nature of the information being sought from the Secret Service.

There are easy cases at each end of the continuum. Of course the Secret Service should be required to disclose serious crimes committed in its presence by the president or anyone else. Secret Service officials are law-enforcement personnel whose job it is to prevent and disclose serious crimes. Almost no one disagrees with this principle.

Equally uncontroversial is the argument that the Secret Service should not be required to disclose its highly confidential methods and techniques for protecting the president. For example, the Secret Service employs undercover agents to infiltrate organizations which pose a threat to the president. They should not be required to disclose the names of these agents nor the organizations which they may have infiltrated. The courts have already recognized a judicially created privilege for undercover agents.

Another judicially created privilege should also be recognized. By law, the Secret Service must be present at certain times and places. If an agent, in the course of performing his or her statutory duty, overhears a conversation already covered by another privilege, he or she should not be required to disclose that communication.

For example, if a Secret Service

agent was riding in the president's limousine on the way back from the Paula Jones deposition and overheard the president discussing entirely proper legal strategy with his lawyer, that conversation should be privileged. Normally, if a lawyer-client conversation is overheard by a non-lawyer who was not part of the defense team, the person overhearing the conversation can be compelled to disclose it.

There should be a judicially recognized privilege precluding Secret Service agents from disclosing otherwise privileged information, including lawyer-client conversations, national security, executive privilege, spousal privilege, medical privilege, and priest-penitent privilege.

Now for the tough cases. What if a Secret Service agent observes the president doing something which is not nice but is perfectly legal, such as having sex with a woman to whom he is not married, or cursing, or being nasty to a subordinate?

Under current law, a Secret Service agent is entirely free to write a tell-all book about everything he saw while serving in the White House. Indeed, several who worked for President John Kennedy told writer Seymour Hirsch about alleged indiscretions committed by JFK.

History, of course, has its claims, and so does privacy. It is appropriate for Congress to strike a proper balance between these claims, in legislating a calibrated privilege. According to Seymour Hirsch, Secret Service agents not only observed Kennedy's private sexual encounters but - along with other presidential aides - may also have facilitated them. Here the question is not so much one of privilege, but rather of the scope of the Secret

Service's role.

If Congress does not want the Secret Service to facilitate a president's private sexual activities, it should explicitly restrict the role of the Secret Service. But would that be realistic? Imagine an unmarried president who is dating. Would the Secret Service be "facilitating" the president's sexual activities if it permitted one of the president's dates to share his bedroom?

This, of course, is not a hypothetical matter, since the jurisdiction of the Secret Service extends beyond our almost-always-married presidents to several unmarried protectees, including the children of presidents, former presidents, and presidential candidates. Would the Secret Service be facilitating immorality if it were to permit dates to stay overnight with a protected person?

These are the kinds of questions that Congress does not want to have to address. They are best left to the discretion of the Secret Service. But there is a slippery slope between the Secret Service's facilitating alleged adultery by a president and sexual encounters between an unmarried protectee and his or her date. It is precisely because these questions are so much a matter of degree and do not involve clear points of principle - except at the extremes - that the core issue of whether or not the Secret Service should have a privilege is properly left to the legislature rather than the judicial branch.

Having said that, it is also perfectly appropriate for the Justice Department to press its claims in the courts, especially since Kenneth Starr is taking so extreme a view by seeking the testimony of a Secret Service agent who seems to have less to say about what the president may have done than about what he discussed with his lawyer.

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Kingmaker and puppeteer

DANIEL BLOCH

Chaim Weizmann, our first president, used to say that it is very difficult to create over a Jewish state when everybody believes he is the president. The same applies, and perhaps even more so, to the role of prime minister.

There are too many people who believe they should be the premier. Some even contend it is they who are in fact holding the job, and not the one who happened to win the election. Ariel Sharon, David Levy, Raphael Eitan, and even Shimon Peres ("Am I a loser?") think they are in the captain's seat.

They are all perhaps daydreamers. But there is one politician who more than anyone else is the real power broker and the man pulling almost all the strings: Aryeh Deri, the political leader of Shas. His party, with its 10 MKs, holds the real balance of power. When Deri realized that the new health payments hurt his voters, he forced the coalition to take them back, in spite of a prior agreement by the ministers of finance and health, with the full backing of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Deri is the only politician who can really force Netanyahu to reach an immediate agreement with Arafat on the next stage of the redeployment. All his other moderate allies - such as Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, coalition whip Meir Shearrit, or Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani - are just paper tigers. Deri alone can deliver the substantial, solid, united, and disciplined blocking vote without which Netanyahu cannot survive now nor win the next election.

So why isn't Deri using his power to advance the peace process in the direction he and his mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, support?

The answer lies in the personal agenda of Aryeh Deri. All his political maneuvers are motivated by his personal ambitions. Deri is not ready for new elections now. He awaits the end of his trial. If he is proven not guilty, he might try to run for the premiership. If he is not found innocent, he will still remain the power broker in our political arena, because he will probably get even more votes from a constituency that believes in him and is sure he is being persecuted by the secular Ashkenazi establishment.

Deri does not like Netanyahu or appreciate his leadership, but he uses him for the benefit of his interests. Barak is not his favorite alternative, but he cannot stand Ronni Milo, whom he blames for starting the investigations against him when he was minister of police.

If Deri cannot run himself, he would prefer a candidate such as Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Avraham Burg, or his bosom friend and ally, Chaim Ramon. Deri acted on his own interests when he joined forces with Ramon and Peres to bring down the unity government in 1990, but swung around immediately to help Shamir create a narrow coalition without the Labor Party.

In 1992 he joined Rabin's government, but blocked the inclusion of the NRP and Agudat Yisrael in that coalition. Later on he left the government because of his personal legal problems. Thus, unintentionally, of course, he gave impetus to the nasty propaganda campaign against Rabin for allegedly not being supported by a Jewish majority.

In spite of his proven lack of credibility and history of insincerity, he is still the puppeteer of Israeli politics. Barak tries to lure him into the peace camp, Ramon still believes in his promises, but in the meantime only Shas benefits from this romance, especially in the Histadrut.

Only Netanyahu understands that Deri is not seeking any alternative right now and therefore he cooperates with his delay tactics. He is almost sure that Deri and Shas will not bring down his government.

The same applies to Mordechai and Kahalani's Third Way. That is the reason why the prime minister is more afraid of Sharon and the extreme Right than of the moderate part of his coalition. The problem is not whether the Labor Party will guarantee him a political security net or not. He knows that, whatever Barak says, the Left would not obstruct the chances of further implementation of the Oslo Accords.

The problem is the political integrity of both Netanyahu and Deri: are the prospects of peace more important to them than personal ambition and political survival?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHO PREVENTS PROGRESS?

Sir, - In his zeal to declare "a pox on both their houses," Mark Heller (July 10) makes an unconvincing analogy between "Palestinians and Israelis with millenarian visions..."

The Arabs guilty of blowing up hundreds of innocent Israelis on buses and in shopping malls are hailed as martyrs and heroes, while the two Israeli boys accused in the farmer's death and the Israeli girl accused of distributing

offensive flyers are demonstrably disturbed but were nonetheless promptly arrested and charged for their crimes.

Heller accuses the government of promoting "a level of tension so high that the potential danger becomes actual by obsessing on percentages and clauses in an obscure document."

It is clearly evident that Arafat and the Palestinian Authority refuse to declare this "obscure" document

null and void because they regard it as anything but obscure, while they insist on Israeli adherence to percentages which were to be determined by Israel alone.

Mr. Heller puts the onus for moving the "peace process" forward on the Israelis, a far from accurate reflection of the real circumstances preventing progress.

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DISGUST WITH THE LAW

Sir, - I've just read about the rapist who received a light sentence because he didn't need to use any force to rape a 15-year-old girl - "Rapist gets 18 months in prison" (July 13). The unfortunate victim had used up all her strength trying to resist the three rapists who were ahead in the queue.

While these youths fill any human being with disgust, the three Beersheba judges, Pilpel, Azoulay and Amar only reinforce the public's growing disgust with the state of law in this country.

To put it as politely as possible, these three judges are full of waste matter. If four citizens decided to

forcefully administer cleansing enemas to these learned officers of the law, would the fourth citizen receive a lighter sentence because the judges had exhausted their strength trying to resist this procedure?

ANNE KAYE
Kedumim.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On July 26, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported the publication by the government of a bill expanding the Protection of the Cultivators Ordinance 1929, which made the eviction of any "statutory tenant" who had occupied and cultivated a holding for at least a year most difficult, except in special circumstances.

The *Palestine Post* reported that Israel had completed negotiations with two countries for the supply of crude oil for the Haifa Refineries, if the oil flow from Iraq was not renewed.

There were frequent Arab cease-fire violations, sniping and mortar bomb attacks. Two Israeli soldiers were killed and two wounded at Abu Tor in Jerusalem when Arabs using dum-dum bullets fired at Jewish positions.

25 years ago: On July 26, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Israel had taken every possible precaution to prevent the hijacked Japanese Air Lines' Boeing 747 from entering its territory.

Alexander Zvielli



Feliks Topolski: Randolph Churchill and his mother Clementine, pen and ink on catalog cover, sold at Sotheby's London for £690, below its estimate

Politicians for sale

AT THE AUCTIONS

By MEIR KÖNNER

Paintings by Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) and the top hat and monogrammed slippers belonging to Britain's immortal wartime prime minister all topped their respective estimates at Sotheby's inaugural political sale in London this month.

The sale, which also included bronzes and drawings of Israeli political figures, brought £821,768, well in excess of its pre-sale high estimate.

Churchill's oil *Blue Grass: La Capponcina*, 1954, was the most expensive lot. It was purchased by an anonymous buyer for £84,000 against an estimate of £25,000-35,000. An earlier oil, made when Churchill was still learning how to use the medium, *Garden Scene at Breccles*, 1924, went for nearly double its low estimate at £45,000, also to an anonymous bidder.

Bidding for Churchill's personal possessions was lively. His plush black top hat sold for five times its estimate at £25,500; his slippers for £6,235; and a nine-carat gold cigar case given him

by Aristotle Onassis on his 86th birthday went to four times its estimate at £43,300.

Churchill's Lebeau Courally 12-bore shot gun went for £17,250 and his personal copy of the proclamation by President John F. Kennedy granting Churchill honorary citizenship of the United States of America, soared to nine times its estimate at £18,400.

Indifferent bronzes of Churchill by Oscar Nemon and David McFall doubled their estimates at £28,750 and £19,550.

Among the more than 300 lots was the despatch box used by Lloyd George which sold for £4,830, more than three times its estimate. A bust of Charles James Fox by Sir Richard Westmacott sold for £16,675 and an equestrian bronze of the Duke of Wellington, by an anonymous hand, went for £15,525.

Bronze heads of Israeli prime ministers Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir by Benno Schotz (1891-1984) brought an expected £2,300 and £2,990.

Many caricatures and political cartoons and drawings featured in the sale.

One by E.H. Shepard, the Punch illustrator who did the original drawings of Winnie the Pooh, is a pencil study for a

Punch cartoon made in 1934. It shows Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists, giving the fascist salute to an audience of farm animals, notably a large pig with an appreciative human expression. The finished cartoon was published 11 years before Orwell's *Animal Farm*. This drawing sold well over its estimate at £1,092.

A special section of the sale was devoted to over 80 pencil and chalk drawings by one of Britain's best-known wartime illustrators, Feliks Topolski (1907-1989). His fluid, instantly recognizable illustrations were completely different from anything else on the London scene at the time and he was a tremendous commercial and social success. An intimate of royalty and later official painter at Elizabeth's coronation, he was, until the 1960s, a true celebrity.

A former Polish cavalry officer who arrived in London in 1935 on assignment for a Polish-illustrated paper and never went back, Topolski started at the top and gradually slipped. Overtaken by instant press photography and the more violent satirists and political cartoonists, his gentle mockery was soon perceived as wishy washy: as a painter, he was



Feliks Topolski: Moshe Dayan, black chalk, failed to sell at £2,000 at Sotheby's London

dogged by his reputation as a facile illustrator. When he visited Israel in the wake of the Six Day War, he was already on his way down.

But his visit produced the most remarkable drawing in this sale: a black chalk head of Moshe Dayan which wonderfully captures the intensity of expression in the Israeli's battered face. Estimated at £2,000-£3,000, this drawing, like many of the Topolskis, went unsold. So did a good Topolski of Levi Eshkol, then Israeli prime

minister, and, unsurprisingly, a very poor, quite unrecognizable pencil drawing of the aged David Ben-Gurion.

Among the Topolskis were live studies of Churchill, Eden, Hailsham, Nye Bevan, George Brown, Douglas Hume, Eisenhower, Nixon and many, many others. One of the best was a sketch of a porcine Randolph Churchill and his mother at an exhibition, dashed off on a program cover. It went below its estimate at £690.



Sir Winston Churchill O.M.: 'Garden Scene at Breccles,' oils, 1924, sold at Sotheby's London for £45,500



Winston Churchill's monogrammed blue velvet evening slippers, circa 1950, sold at Sotheby's for £6,235

Waste not, want not – especially with regard to water

Earthly Concerns



By DYORA BEN SHAUL

Water in Israel is a scarce commodity, according to National Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir.

This reality, abundant for some as a surprise to anyone, since most of us well remember the period of 1989-1991, when the rains were sparse and the impending water shortage was a prime topic of conversation.

The government issued warnings and advocated water conservation, the media presented little else, environmentalists gave advice and the public worried and tried to comply.

But then the rains came and the Kinneret, our only visible water reservoir, of any significance, filled to the brim, and everyone forgot about the water shortage.

The government went back to "business as usual"; the media focused on other things; and if the environmentalists kept saying, "We still have a water shortage, you just don't see it," no one paid any attention.

According to Ben-Meir, Israel, at the end of that particular drought period, had barely



Wet and enjoying it: Israel can expect a water crisis somewhere between 2005 and 2010, making water conservation an urgent priority.

enough water in reserve to carry the country for one year. Since then, there have been a few good years, and the reserves have increased – but not very much. Ben-Meir also points out that no one can predict another one or

two or three years of poor rainfall. In any case, the commissioner says, Israel can expect a water crisis somewhere between 2005 and 2010 – just seven to 12 years down the road.

Ben-Meir defines a water crisis

as existing whenever the government can no longer meet the demand for household water usage. The only way he can see to prevent the impending crisis is Israel starting on massive desalination projects now. By the time

the crisis comes, he warns, it will be too late.

The desalinated water, Ben-Meir says, would be specifically for household use, not for agriculture.

But, so far, most government officials are unenthusiastic about the idea of any serious desalination projects, citing the cost of water produced by desalination, currently 72 to 80 cents per cubic meter, as the principal drawback. (Actually, recent indications are that the price will soon be about half of that.)

A good many experts are wondering whether paying a realistic price for household water would not be a very good thing; after all, during the 89-91 water shortage, householders reduced their water usage by more than 20 per cent and no one seemed to suffer – they just had to think a bit more.

There is no doubt that Israelis waste water in a way many countries would find shocking. After almost 40 years here, originally from drought-prone Texas, I haven't gotten used to the rampant waste.

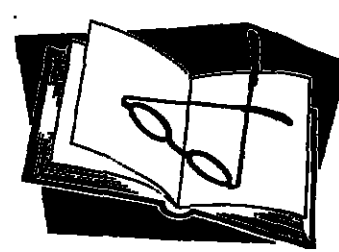
The municipalities and local councils water public gardens in the middle of the day; people clean their cars using running water hoses; dishes are washed under a running tap; 20-minute showers are the norm, and a full washing machine is used to do a handful of laundry.

If you say anything to anyone, they won't hesitate to call you crazy.

Strange, isn't it? But then, in Israel one gets used to the bizarre.

Sublime side of sex

Books



By Mary Rourke

A husband has affair after affair; a wife still toys with a past lover. A celibate wants to live a sexual life; a married person wants to make chastity part of the relationship.

Author Thomas Moore wades into such murky pools on his latest expedition. By now we know him, the explorer who hunts for the lost civilization of the soul and writes book after book from the artifacts. *Care of the Soul* (HarperCollins, 1992) made him famous.

Soul Mates (HarperCollins, 1994) broadened his audience, and now *The Soul of Sex* (HarperCollins) could make him a household name.

Think of this one as a sex

manual for those who already know the mechanics, commonly described in the most clinical terms. Sex is flirtation, foreplay, penetration. None of these is on Moore's list.

He writes of desire, intimacy, pleasure, the body, sensuousness. "It's the difference between taking sex seriously and taking it literally," he said during a recent tour across the United States. "You can be sexually active five times a day and these qualities of intimacy can still be nonexistent. That's when you're taking sex literally." That voice, mellow as Christmas port, is familiar to his followers.

The looks follow. He has the understanding eyes and soft features that seem made to order for his work as a psychotherapist. He lives in New England with his wife and two children and has a private practice.

The doctor has been in one city after another from New York to California, for a day or so at a time. On the phone from Seattle, he described the view from his hotel window: the cement office building and the freeway.

Call it overcompensation for the sterile view, his immediate reaction was that a sexy life makes for a good sex life.

"We tend to eliminate anything erotic from our work environment," he began. He talks as he writes, in spirals. "Look at our buildings. They're cold. In other countries, the buildings are so sensual you want to go up and touch them. If you're comfortable with your own sexuality, you can bring that sensuousness to work. We eliminate anything erotic from our work environment. Our office buildings are clinical."

"Roads can be very sexy." He sometimes drives the Merritt Parkway that winds through green hills from New York to Connecticut.

"It has curves. It's like a body. Most roads are just links to someplace else, built to let us go fast. There's no intimacy. That's not sexy."

Listening to Moore, it sounds as though we worry too much about the material side of attraction. Clothes, shoes, cars, hair, muscles, makeup. He scrapes them off, looking for simpler, more natural things underneath.

"We don't have sex woven into our lives yet," he says. "If we'd spend some time cooking, eating, being at home with family and friends, appreciating children and nature, we'd be on our way to a joyous sex life."

"If you're spending your days in a job that's killing you and you eat your meals apart, not together, you won't spend your nights very well."

A Thomas Moore guide to the techniques of lovemaking hints

at '90s counterculture. None of his tips are meant to be practiced in a mirror. He writes about moral sex and the power of celibacy, and the place for chastity in a sexual life.

"I was in a religious community for 12 years," he recalled of his time as a Benedictine monk, starting at age 13. He left cloistered life in the mid-1960s.

"I took a vow of celibacy, but never felt I was denying my sexuality. Later, when I moved into a different kind of sexual life as a married man, I didn't feel that now I was sexual and before I wasn't."

"We're afraid of celibacy; we think there's something weird about it. I have friends who are without a partner. They live very sensual lives filled with desires and struggles. They haven't abandoned their sexuality. It permeates their lives."

"Even in marriage, to be apart for a time can be a very healthy thing. Abstaining from sex can serve a marriage. At times, you might feel a need to be with yourself, to get away from sex for a while. It can be an aggressive act against a partner, but a mature person can tell the difference."

He doesn't write about infidelity, sex outside marriage, gay unions or sex scandals – even the obvious ones that smolder in public. He refers, instead, to conversations with his patients, which tell him that most people make mistakes in their sexual relationships and have some regrets.

Was it too much sex for one lifetime, or too little? Homoerotic relationships; physically violent sex; jealous love; passive, angry sex? All the same to him.

"I think we need to be able to say, 'This is the way it was, but it's the past,'" Moore suggested. "What you did in your 20s you might not believe you did by the time you reach your 40s."

And after that? "Sex always represents so much more than itself," he said. A person is really looking for something else. What, is hard to say. You won't know until you allow yourself to look deeper. Find out what sex represents to you.

"For one thing, it stimulates vitality. Maybe that's what is missing in a life. Maybe the other person has a quality in their life that you would like in your own. Whatever else, sexual desires point to a change in the status quo. A renewal of our lives."

In all his books about soul, Moore sometimes comes across as a man who speaks a foreign language – all but forgotten yet vaguely familiar. Maybe it is his years of traditional religious training or his frequent return to the ancient and Renaissance worlds as reference points.

"The sexuality around us tends to be crude," said Moore, who is amazed how often he hears people use vulgar terms for sex.

"A chaste person thinks twice before using such words. And does it when it will have some power. We've lost touch with the sublime side of sex. In mass culture, we tend to look to the slime, not the sublime."

It contradicts every billboard image of American values that Moore writes to the broadest audience, uses such words as "sacred" and "holy" about life and, in this case, about sex, and still climbs his way to best-seller lists.

What is sacred about sex, for him, is that it takes us out of our everyday world the way a good retreat, or meditation, would. It takes us out of ourselves.

What makes it holy is that we find our soul by surrendering ourselves and making ourselves available to another.

"Sex is not separate from the rest of life," Moore said. "If we give ourselves in a sexual way, to our marriage partner, maybe we can be more generous in the rest of our lives."

(Los Angeles Times)

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Success equals being online

By DAVID NAKAMURA

Until recently, being a disadvantaged pupil meant you didn't have the right reference books or money for private tutors; today it increasingly means you don't have a personal computer.

When Tiffany Johnson gets a major homework assignment, she starts calling her friends to see if one of them will let her come over. It's not companionship she's after, it's a computer.

When that doesn't work, she sometimes does her homework in the school's computer lab, even though it means skipping lunch or a class. The year she took a computer course she often ignored what the other pupils were doing and used the machines to type her English papers.

Hunting down a computer is always a hassle, said the senior at Paint Branch High School in suburban Burtonsville, Maryland. But the alternative — trying to do research without the Internet and turning in papers that are poorly typed and lack eye-catching graphics — is practically unthinkable, she said.

"It's totally impossible to function without a computer now for school," said Johnson, a 17-year-old honors student who said her parents cannot afford one. "It's a big handicap without a computer at home."

With children now doing homework on computers as early as first or second grade, students like Johnson are at a huge disadvantage, according to educators.

ALTHOUGH falling computer prices have made the machines more affordable for many families, Johnson is not so unusual. A recent survey by Montgomery County school officials found that a quarter of the district's students did not have a home computer, let alone an Internet connection.

A Washington area survey in August by Scarborough Report Corp., a market research company, reported similar findings: 71% of area households with children ages 12 to 17 had a computer, and only 45% had a computer with a modem. Nationwide, 60% of households with children have a computer, according to a report by Computer Intelligence, another market research firm.

The gap between pupils who have a PC at home and those who don't is one of the most troubling inequities in the education system, teachers and school administrators say.

It isn't just that the have-nots are forced to turn in work that is less polished. They also are falling behind in computer skills they will need in college and in the job market, and they are unlikely to be exposed to as many facts and ideas as classmates who deftly navigate the Internet, educators say.

The differences in computer equipment from one home to another have put teachers in a bind when deciding what assignments to make and how to assess students' work. Many say they feel compelled to assign homework that will help their pupils discover the Internet's potential, although they know that those who can't access it from home will have trouble completing the work.

"My daughter was in a government class last year, and what the teachers expected just blew me away," said Maryann Barton, who teaches computer classes at Herndon High School in



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Fairfax, Virginia. "The assignments required a lot of research that she did on the Internet. If she didn't have a computer, I don't know how she could have done her work."

SCHOOL officials say that computer inequities in the home, though worrisome, are difficult to address, and that their main priority in technology spending is to install more computers and Internet hookups in school buildings. Some schools have tried to tackle the problem by keeping their computer labs open before and after school.

But officials at many schools say they can't afford to pay their staff overtime, and that they have trouble finding teachers who are willing to volunteer their time to monitor the labs.

"It's rare that schools will make computers available on a regular basis after hours — it's an issue of cost," said Joseph Hawkins, a Montgomery school administrator who helped conduct the district's recent technology survey.

"Generally, kids can use the computer labs during school hours, but not after school or on weekends." A few schools have tried lending laptop computers to students.

There is a downside to relying on a computer to do one's homework, educators say. Downloading information on the Internet is so easy that it can breed laziness, and teachers say they sometimes find students using material they have neither understood nor analyzed.

Nonetheless, the student without Internet exposure is missing out on a powerful learning tool, teachers say.

Tiffany Johnson is competing against classmates such as Erin Washington, who owns a Hewlett-Packard PC.

"I'd spend two or three hours in the library," Washington said, recalling the days before she had the machine. "Now I get information on the Internet in a matter of minutes. And I can hook up to the library from my computer. If they have a book, I call them and ask them to hold it for me and I go pick it up."

Johnson said she's working at a pizza restaurant to earn money toward buying a computer and hopes to have it before she enters Howard University this fall.

"That's my goal," she said. "From what I hear, you really need one in college." (The Washington Post)

Statistics? Web's the word



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Many Internet sites around the world supply maps that help users find their way around — to the bank nearest their home or a cinema showing the movie of their choice. Now Atlas Geomatics, from the Malvern Systems Ltd. group, says it has begun to offer major paying customers a pioneering service.

Subscribers to a special section of the Hebrew University's Internet site (at <http://goobase.huji.ac.il>), use Atlas Geomatics to see locations of new building sites around the country, a comparison of unemployment in various cities and towns, data on road accidents involving various types of vehicles, geographical locations and so on. Most of the raw data comes from the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Ron Shani, Atlas Geomatics's sales manager, explains that integrating geographical data on the Internet is opening up a whole variety of new possibilities for users, either for research or for daily use.

For example, one can find the shortest way to reach a selected restaurant according to its location, type of cuisine, size or kosher level. You can ask what roads have the most traffic at specific times of the day, or look for an apartment by setting criteria such as schooling, parking and transport. It provides regional planners, social scientists and marketing analysts with the updated statistical data they need.

Based at the Omer industrial park, Atlas Geomatics is the country's leading company in geographical and technological mapping for information systems. It has won the tenders for a large number of national projects — for the Israel Defense Forces, the Interior and Environment Ministries, the Israel Electric Company, the Israel Oil Pipeline Authority and the Jewish National Fund. It also provides advisory services for setting up systems for managing geographical data. Its Internet site is at www.atlas.co.il.

LOOK — NO BLOOD! Squeamish would-be physicians and scientists can now dissect a highly detailed "virtual frog" via the Internet and avoid the blood and gore involved in lab work.

Researchers at California's Stanford University have developed a "new and improved" version on its "Frog Island" Web site (summit.stanford.edu/creatures).

Users can view the computer-simulated frog from any angle, or hit a command that turns its skin transparent so that its internal organs and skeleton are visible. Other commands will peel back the frog's muscles to expose more of the inner anatomy. It's not the first frog to be posted on the Internet, but it offers more detail than earlier images.

Working on the computerized frog doesn't replace the need for hands-on experience, says Parvati Dev, director of Stanford's medical media and information technologies group. "I'd hate to have a doctor who had never worked on an actual cadaver," she told Reuters, but said the virtual frog could help provide a glimpse of anatomy to students who are not geared toward sciences. "There are a lot of kids who would bypass biology altogether because of the blood and the gore. Some people really cannot handle that."

The image for the virtual frog was created by freezing an actual frog, embedding it in gelatin, slicing it into pieces less than a millimeter thick and then digitizing the images of the slices. The group hopes to continue its work by digitizing other lab animals and parts of the human cadaver.

IRAQI ROOTS STORED The Babylonian Jewish Heritage Center in Or Yehuda has computerized 50,000 names and genealogical records of families originating in Iraq who live here and abroad. The director of the center's research institute, Dr. Zvi Yehuda, said it aims to collect a total of 300,000 names of Jews of Iraqi origin in Israel, the US, Europe and the Far East. The cost of the project is \$300,000.

Gabi Shamshon, director of Kligal Software, which supplied technical services for the project, says that in the future the database will link up to the center's multimedia database so that family trees can be illustrated graphically, with video, photos and audio segments about the families and Iraqi Jewry in general.

Diaspora Jews are already sending information about their families via the Internet, and representatives of the Association of Iraqi Jews living in the US were "amazed" at being provided with data about their roots.

VIRTUAL GAME ANALYSIS The World Cup games, now

behind us, gave a boost to the Kfar Sava hi-tech company, OrAd. It developed a program that allowed broadcasters, in real time, to analyze all the plays on the field and present professional commentary while showing the players and the ball from all angles during any play.

The company, which is located in the town's industrial park, previously developed a program called Sybernet, which is now used by 70 percent of TV networks around the world. Israel TV also used it during the last elections for prime minister and the Knesset to produce a virtual TV studio without all the fuss of actually constructing one.

OrAd has also produced virtual ad banners broadcast at sports events. They're seen on the screen, but aren't really on the field. The rapidly growing company has 80 employees, a quarter of them Kfar Sava residents.

SALTING AWAY THE LOX People who love smoked salmon on their bagels, kippers for breakfast and caviar on their hors d'oeuvres should welcome news of a new technique to assure these delicacies contain precisely the right amount of salt.

Researchers at Eastern Oregon University report that a new technique offers fish processors a safer and more economical way to assess how much salt they should use in the drying or smoking process. Salt content is not only crucial to the way fish tastes, but is also an important safety factor, since salt prevents the growth of bacteria both in the roe and the adult fish. Researcher Todd Rogers described the new method recently at the Northwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society. With 155,000 members, it is the world's largest scientific society.

The researchers use a machine called a near-infrared spectrophotometer, which analyzes the salt content of the fish to be processed while the fish are still alive.

Traditionally, processors had to kill the fish, grind up a portion of the meat or roe, and use a chemical method to measure salt content, thereby wasting part of the product.

The spectrophotometer incorporates an optical-fiber probe that touches the scales of the living fish and records the volume of water and fat. These are known to be proportional to salt content in the meat or roe. Knowing the precise amount of salt already present in the fish, food processors can add the extra needed to meet safety standards and, at the same time, avoid sending overly salted products to the marketplace.

Birdsong's role in sexual selection

By DENNIS MEREDITH

The songs of male birds are an "oral autobiography" revealing the amount of stress they endured in early life. The quality of song reflects their fitness and helps female birds decide which birds to choose as mates.

This is the theory of Duke University biologists in Durham, North Carolina, who contend that when male songbirds sing to attract females, the quality of their song reflects their suitability as a mate. The researchers, zoology professor Steve Nowicki and research associates Susan Peters and Jeffrey Podos, discussed their theory in an article in the latest issue of *American Zoologist*.

"The hypothesis has to do with the fact that song is a learned trait," Nowicki said, "and that this learning is supported by specific regions of the brain that develop during a particular period when the young bird is most likely to undergo stress."

Nowicki said that might consist of the nutritional stress a nestling faces during the rapid growth period songbirds typically face early in life; or it may be stress resulting from the effects of parasites.

"Males that sing more complex songs — or songs that females prefer — went through the learning process better, because their brains developed better. It's because they were better nourished or less stressed during this critical period in the late nestling, early fledgling phase."

Thus, said Nowicki, the song quality, in essence, tells the story of a male bird's life — not only how fit he is, but how well his parents raised him.

THE Duke zoologists said their theory clarifies a previously largely unanswered question: How exactly does a female bird benefit from choosing a mate based on his song?

Early theories had held that the elaborate male birdsong, like other exaggerated male mating traits, was an arbitrarily chosen symbolic trait. Such a trait would undergo hyperrophy as females evolved a preference, causing a positive feedback and triggering an ever-greater male expression of the trait.

The showy plumage of male birds — from the male peacock's tail to the brilliant scarlet of the

male cardinal — is one oft-cited trait.

The intricate warbling of male song birds is also a highly exaggerated trait, Nowicki said.

"Bird song is far more complex than it needs to be for the information it conveys," he said. "It can be as complex as human speech by such measures as the number of units per time, bandwidth, or the rate of acoustic modulations. But if a bird is only more or less just advertising its species, defending a territory or attracting females, why then are birdsongs so complex?"

Later theories attempted to explain exaggerated male traits as a way for males to offer information about themselves to females.

One theory, called the "handicap principle," held that males with the most exaggerated male traits, such as a showy tail or an elaborate song, showed their genetic fitness because they could survive despite the attention-attracting handicap.

HOWEVER, such theories did not satisfactorily explain the precise mechanism by which birdsong functioned as an information source. So Nowicki and his colleagues began to develop their theory based on the analysis of numerous studies of birdsong and bird development.

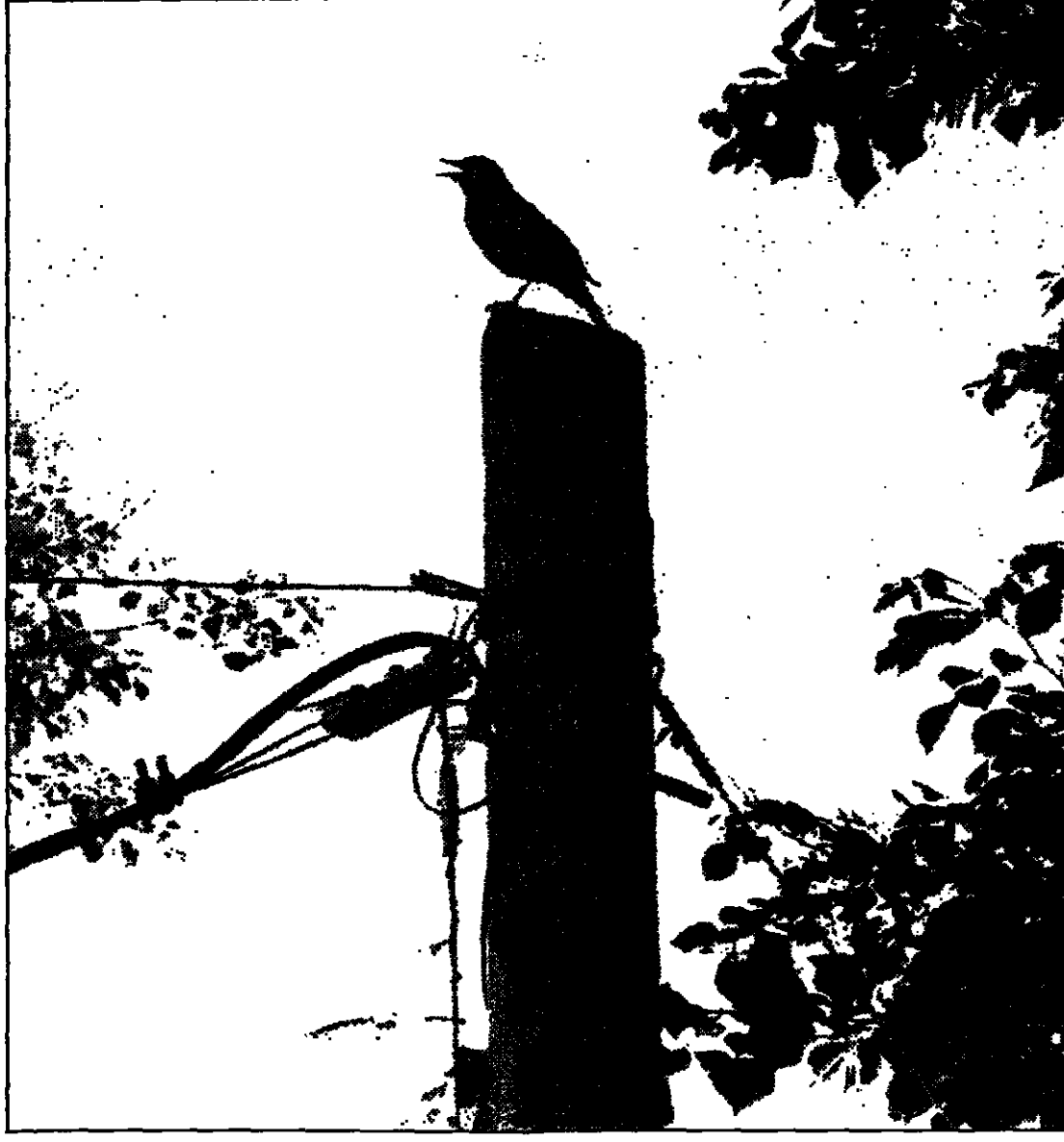
"We amassed as much evidence as we could about the temporal relationship between nutritional stress, brain development and the timing of song-learning," Nowicki said. "And we believe we show that this overlap is really quite good, revealing a mechanism by which song quality could be used by females to assess quality of males."

For example, the researchers cited studies showing male birds with superior resistance to disease or parasites without insults better and could devote a larger proportion of their energies to ornament, making their selection by a female a wise choice.

Other studies reviewed by the Duke biologists showed that the quality or complexity of birdsong did reflect the birds' genetic quality, as reflected by survival and survival of offspring.

Still unclear, said the researchers, is exactly what quality the female is assessing when she critiques a male's song.

"She might be assessing the quality of brain development in



When male songbirds sing to attract females, the quality of their song may be advertising their suitability as mates.

general, which will be important for the males to find food, evade predators, find nest sites, navigate around territory, and so forth," said Nowicki.

The female might also be indirectly assessing the male's genetically endowed parenting abilities, since he is the result of his own parents' care — or how well the male overcame the stress of rapid growth that is the lot of all young birds.

Another remaining puzzle is why some song bird species have exceedingly complex songs, while other species with similar life histories have relatively simple songs

that still function as sexual selection traits.

"We think the answer is that the female is not necessarily assessing song complexity for its own sake, but as a measure of the quality of song learning," Nowicki said. "For example, the female might copy just one element of a song."

"We can consider birdsong as a sexually selected trait, but we have to understand that the focus of selection is on the bird's brain."

Nowicki and his colleagues are now conducting laboratory experiments to confirm their theory.

feeding growing birds differently and studying the effects on the complexity of the male's song. They are also studying the female side of the mating equation, comparing females' reactions to recorded songs of different complexity.

Researchers can quantify such responses by assessing how emphatically a female assumes a copulatory posture when she hears a male song. The researchers will also explore how nutrition affects the even-more mysterious learned or inborn ability of females to judge male song. (Duke University News Service)

TELL ME WHY

A shell of their former selves

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

It seems to me that chicken's eggshells are more fragile today than they used to be 20 or 30 years ago, so they break more easily. Is this true, and if so, why? Mathilda, Ramat Hasharon

Dr. Rami Lam, a veterinarian and bacteriologist at the Israel Poultry Council, replies:

This is a complex matter to answer. Three decades ago, many of the eggs sold in stores were laid by free-range village hens that were not confined to cages, but ran around in yards. Their age, lifestyle and diet caused them to lay eggs that were a bit thicker. They laid many eggs on the ground, not only in nests.

This was fine for the poultry, as they had more freedom, but as a bacteriologist, I would prefer eggs from hens living in cages, as conditions are much more sanitary and the risk of salmonella infection is much reduced.

Today, most eggshells are about 0.2 millimeters thick. Now people prefer larger eggs, size #1 or #2, rather than the smaller #3, #4 or #5 eggs that were sold back then. These smaller eggs had thicker shells, as the same amount of mineral material the hen uses to coat her ova is excreted for small as for larger eggs. Thus the larger eggs tend to have thinner shells.

Since the public — for their own reasons — turn up their noses at smaller eggs, these have to be turned into egg powder for industrial uses.

Diet — including the amount of calcium and magnesium ions in chicken feed — as well as the age and varieties of hens also affect eggshell thickness. In recent years, there have been major improvements in marketing: We no longer refrigerate eggs for months to be sold later, and cardboard containers are more protective.

Let me take the opportunity to advise your readers to refrigerate all eggs they buy as soon as they bring them home from the shop, as if they were milk products.

Keep them inside the refrigerator, not on the inside of the door, which is warmer, and preferably in the original box, to prevent them from absorbing odors. Storing them

at room temperature is not recommended, especially during the summer months.

With scientists able to do genetic engineering on plants, why hasn't anyone produced a coffee plant without caffeine? That would prevent coffee drinkers from being exposed to the chemicals used to remove the caffeine from the coffee. Dora, Kirya Omo

Dr. Yedidya Gafni, an expert on genetic engineering of plants at the Volcani Institute for Agricultural Research at Beit Dagan, comments:

I believe scientists abroad have been working on producing genetically engineered coffee plants that have no caffeine, but there has as yet been no commercial implementation.

Producing genetically engineered versions of some plants such as wheat, tomatoes, corn and cotton, can be relatively easy, working on others, such as rice and coffee, is very difficult and time-consuming.

The difference results from the fact that the plant needs to be developed from a single cell to which new genes have been introduced and regenerated into a whole plant. We don't know why this process is easier with some plants than others; perhaps it is due to different reactions to plant hormones and growth media.

In any case, genetic engineering of certain plants will not be carried out unless it is economically feasible. There are chemical ways of removing caffeine from coffee, and most consumers are unaware that the chemical residues may be undesirable, so they don't demand genetically engineered decaffeinated coffee that would be more healthy.

Wanting to reduce the stimulant effect of caffeine, I prefer to drink less ordinary coffee rather than larger amounts of decaffeinated.

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Return of the 'doctor knows best' approach

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

It seems to fly in the face of the latest trend in public health, which is better-educated patients taking more responsibility for their health and doctors abandoning that patronizing "I know best" attitude.

But if the Health Ministry gets its way, starting January 1, 2000, a single "personal physician" will serve as patients' "gatekeeper" to the health system. This specially trained primary physician will not only coordinate all medical records and tests for registered patients, but also decide when to refer them to specialists.

Patients who insist on going directly to specialists will be charged a "co-payment" per visit. Would such a measure be a positive step forward, minimizing over-treatment, superfluous testing and drug-taking and promoting a holistic approach to health? Or is this move merely a government maneuver intended to restrict access and reduce medicine's skyrocketing costs?

The answer isn't clear, and only now has the controversial plan — proposed by Sheba Hospital director Prof. Mordechai Shani and endorsed in principle by the ministry — reached a public forum. The plan was introduced at the latest meeting of the National Health Council, a rather powerless advisory body established by the National Health Insurance Law to represent health funds, professional organizations, voluntary groups and other health care workers.

The council is being consulted, but the ministry can go ahead with the plan, since only minor Knesset legislation is necessary for implementation.

Members of the health council have demanded more background material, but their initial reaction to the plan was generally favorable.

There has been some criticism,

however. Council member Eri Peretz of the Health Consumers' Organization is worried that the scheme might increase red tape, differentiate between the well-off (who would fork out the co-payment) and the disadvantaged, and restore some doctors' "patronizing attitudes."

She is also concerned that under the proposed system, treatments could be delayed and a condition worsened before a patient received the specialized attention he or she needed.

Shani, an expert in health systems and chairman of the National Council for Community Medicine, maintains that numerous studies in the US have linked the overall health of a population to the quality of their primary physicians.

"After World War II, it was thought that specialists, especially those in hospitals, would solve all medical problems. But we now know that this is a misconception. The solution is to find a proper balance between primary and specialty medicine."

THE gatekeeper system is already used in England, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and a number of other Western countries.

Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich, head of the ministry's medical services division and an advocate of the system, claims that too many times people go to a specialist — who is unaware of their medical history — with every little complaint. Medical specialists concede that they see many patients who could easily be treated by a well-trained primary physician.

But they argue that primary physicians, even the best-trained, lack the advanced equipment found in the clinics of ophthalmologists, cardiologists and other specialists.

The Israel Medical Association, which includes both general practitioners and specialists, has not yet held a comprehensive discussion of



If the Health Ministry gets its way, the personal physician will soon be serving as patients' 'gatekeeper' to the health system.

(Sarit Uziel)

the proposed plan, but it seems to support the idea in principle.

Still, IMA officials are wary that the personal physician program could be manipulated by the government to cut costs, pressuring health fund doctors to avoid expensive but necessary tests and specialists.

In any case, the plan can't be implemented immediately. Many general practitioners will need a lot

more training in family practice and internal medicine if they're going to be charged with diagnosing and treating complex or uncommon medical conditions.

Kupat Holim Clalit, which insures 60% of the population, utilized the gatekeeper model until 1993 — except in the case of gynecologists — when it opened direct access to counter competition from the three smaller funds.

SHANI feels the new gatekeeper system should not be compared to the old Clalit program, because the general practitioners involved will be much better trained.

For example, 3,000 primary physicians will be devoting 100 hours over a period of five years to studying community medicine: 75% of the course will be taught over the Internet.

The Health Ministry plan foresees

that by January 2000, health funds will be employing only personal physicians who are specialists, specialists-in-training or graduates of a recognized training program.

The cost of reeducating the doctors would be NIS 25 million a year over five years.

The ministry is due to pay NIS 10 million, the health funds NIS 12 million, and the doctors themselves NIS 3 million.

But the Treasury, which would have to give the ministry a special allocation, has not yet approved the scheme.

A study by Dr. Hava Tabenkin of Ben-Gurion University's life sciences faculty and Revital Gross of the IDC-Brookdale Institute found that many health fund primary physicians have only a general medical license.

This is true for over 57% of Leumi, 41% of Clalit, 39% of Meuhedet and 27.3% of Maccabi physicians who took part in their survey. The percentage of primary health fund physicians who are family medicine specialists runs from 2.8% (Leumi) to 28.6% (Clalit).

The ministry also plans to license clinics where at least two doctors work and require them to offer on-call services round the clock if necessary. Although experience has shown that medical "gatekeepers" reduce superfluous medical tests and visits to specialists, a survey conducted by experts at the IDC-Brookdale Institute, Ben-Gurion University and Kupat Holim Clalit found that the majority of patients oppose such a scheme.

The study, published a few weeks ago in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, reported that 52% of nearly 3,000 patients polled in primary care and specialty clinics in three parts of Israel voted for personal autonomy when asked: "When you believe you have to see a specialist, do you prefer to go to your primary care physician first, or directly to the specialist?"

The better-educated, those younger than 45, Jerusalemites and women were more likely to prefer free access to specialists than less-educated, older, and male patients living outside Jerusalem.

The researchers concluded that younger and more-educated patients would have to be "educated about the advantages" of having a personal physician.

Telling patients the truth about drinking

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Although studies have shown that alcoholics are likely to seek treatment from their family physician, too few general practitioners actually opt for such early intervention, says Dr. Shoshana Weiss, head of department at the Israel Society for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

Over 76 percent of Israeli men and 45 percent of women aged 18 to 40 drink alcohol; of these, 50,000 can be considered alcoholics. Drinking rates are increasing among teenagers.

Writing in *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, Weiss notes that patients such as pregnant women and men or women with liver problems, hypertension and ulcers should be told to quit drinking altogether.

Men over 45 at risk for cardiovascular disease could benefit from one or two glasses of wine a day, but they should be warned about the dangers that such a habit could pose to organs other than the heart.

Menopausal women should be aware that more than one drink a day can cause thinning of the bones leading to osteoporosis.

Weiss says there are two ways to detect a drinking problem: lab tests and a questionnaire. Asking all patients to fill out a CAGE questionnaire (a translation of a foreign patient survey about alcoholism) can help the doctor find out who's at risk.

There are four questions: Have you sometimes felt the need to cut down on your drinking? Have people pressed and criticized you

for your drinking? Have you felt bad or guilty due to your drinking? Have you taken a drink just after waking in the morning to get rid of a bad sensation like stomach ache, dizziness, headache or nausea?

Weiss says family doctors should vary their advice according to their patient's responses, with four affirmative answers justification for referring him or her to urgent treatment.

If there are definite physical signs of alcoholism but the patient hands in four noes, the physician should investigate further, impressing upon the patient that he wants to help.

BUGGED BY 2000

Hospital staff will be posted near the beds of patients attached to life support systems on the night of December 31, 1999 to ensure that nothing untoward happens as a result of the "2000 bug."

These plans were disclosed by Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Gabi Barabash at a recent meeting of a Knesset science and technology subcommittee.

"Problems" in programming computerized equipment to cope with the new digits could cause some equipment to go haywire.

The ministry has instructed all medical institutions to take responsibility for checking computerized equipment to cope with the 2000 bug, Barabash said.

Some computer companies that provide services and equipment to the government "are cynically taking advantage" of the 2000 bug problem to be able to charge high fees for fixing it, Avi Gabai of the Treasury's budgets problem charged recently. Suppliers who reply to tenders should be required to prove that they are immune to the bug or risk their bid being ignored, Gabai said.

ISRAELI ADVICE TO SHANGHAI

President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary opened a new children's hospital in Shanghai during their recent state visit to China. There was an Israeli connection: The new hospital was the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel as an adviser in pediatrics.

The 250-bed hospital, made possible by the international medical relief organization



There are approximately 50,000 alcoholics in Israel.

(Andre Brummann)

Project Hope, asked the Kupat Holim Clalit hospital in Petah Tikva to carry out a medical exchange in certain fields of pediatrics, and three Israeli delegations will go there this year.

The cooperation agreement is supported by

the Foreign Ministry's Department for International Cooperation (Mashav), Irving Schneider, the New York philanthropist who initiated and largely financed the building of the Petah Tikva hospital, accompanied the Clintons on their trip to China.

New treatment holds out hope for heroin addicts

By MARK EGAN

The doctor sign on the clinic door in West Covina, California, reads "Pain and Weight Loss Center." But behind the door is a revolutionary heroin treatment clinic that hopes to put "heavy methadone centers" out of business.

Community Health Services, located on a strip mall in this conservative Los Angeles suburb, is the first heroin treatment clinic in the US to stop treating addicts with methadone in favor of a new drug called ORLAAM.

Methadone, the treatment of choice for heroin addicts for more than 25 years, gives patients a high and "attracts swarms of pushers and users hoping to buy, sell or barter it. As a result, most family doctors choose not to dispense methadone."

One of the major problems we have had in this country with methadone clinics is that the methadone is so omnipresent that you can't do anything else in the facility," said Dr. Forrest Tennant, who runs the Community Health

Services clinic.

Unlike methadone, ORLAAM gives no high and therefore has no "street" value. That means doctors can dispense the drug without fear of handing their clinics into meeting places for drug users who may score off other patients.

And because ORLAAM does not have the narcotic effect of methadone, fewer patients take opiates while on the program, Tennant said. He hopes his clinic's work will make treating addicts more palatable to doctors across the country.

"ORLAAM is a drug that will fit into a general medical clinic. The patients come here and are well-behaved. They only come three days a week, any time during the day," he said.

THE quality of heroin being sold these days "has become more refined, allowing it to be smoked or snorted rather than just injected. As a result, it has become the 'in' drug of the 1990s and is being spread around the country."

John, a patient at the clinic, has been using heroin since 1963, and

is concerned that younger people are more likely to get turned on to it.

"The younger generation is getting more involved in heroin and that's a bad omen of times to come," he said.

"What's going on in this country is — killing kids with heroin. ORLAAM will bring those kids back to life and give them a chance."

He said pushers get youngsters hooked by selling bags of heroin for just \$7 and throwing in a hit of cocaine for free.

"They do that to get you started, and then you get more and more into it until it becomes a \$150- to \$200-a-day habit."

John's \$200-a-day habit ended with a three-year stretch in prison for theft. A former aerospace machinist, he now makes his living loading trucks and lives in fear of a heroin relapse that will send him back to jail.

"There was a guy in the cell next to mine doing 25 years to life for using heroin. That could have been me, too," he said.

"I don't want to see myself in

prison for 25 to life. When I get my direction clear in life I won't have to fight the dragon [heroin] any more."

TENNANT started running heroin treatment clinics in 1975 and now operates 35. But with so many addicts he believes the only solution is a treatment such as ORLAAM that doctors can dispense in ordinary medical practices.

His reason for wanting more doctors to take on addicts is simple: Nearly 98% of heroin addicts are infected with the hepatitis C virus, which is deadly if left unchecked.

"Hepatitis C is becoming the infection of the late 1990s. It's our biggest public health concern. It's the virus that is a threat to all of us," Tennant said.

The World Health Organization estimates 170 million people around the world are infected with hepatitis C.

"We don't have a vaccine or a cure for it, but we know that our drug addicts are our major reservoir in the country, and so from a public health perspective there is

nothing more important than getting addicts off the street, off the needle, off heroin and into programs."

Left untreated, Hepatitis C attacks the liver and kills most addicts by the time they reach the age of 50. But the virus can be controlled if addicts replace narcotics with a regimen of drugs, vitamins, amino acids and a good diet.

But kicking the drug habit is not easy. Once a user takes heroin for 10 to 20 days, Tennant said, there are permanent changes in the brain's neuron transmitters that leave addicts craving opiates all their life. That means most addicts will have to resign themselves to taking methadone or ORLAAM for the rest of their lives.

While methadone is taken daily, ORLAAM is taken three times a week, meaning patients' everyday work lives are less disrupted.

Most patients at Tennant's clinic pay their own costs of about \$190 monthly. That pales in comparison with a heroin habit that can cost thousands of dollars each month. (Reuters)

Wakeup call for dozing drivers

By TOMOKO HOSAKA

After years of public education campaigns, it's widely recognized that drinking and driving don't mix.

But scientists say that motorists, physicians and government officials all need to realize that sleepy drivers can be just as deadly as drunk drivers.

Public health officials should devote more education and research to protect drivers from falling asleep at the wheel, says a report published in a recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. And physicians, the study adds, must help prevent sleep-related accidents by identifying symptoms of fatigue or sleep deprivation.

The report was compiled by the AMA's Council on Scientific Affairs, whose members searched through several databases for articles related to drowsiness and driving from 1975 to 1997.

"Our main goal was to identify the factors that put people at special risk and to help people understand those risks," said Ronald Davis, chair of the Council on Scientific Affairs.

Although drowsy driving has been directly linked to only one to three percent of the 6.8 million motor-vehicle accidents in the US each year, the researchers and other highway-safety advocates said they believe the actual number is much higher.

A recent survey of more than 1,000 Americans by the National Sleep Foundation found that 57 percent of the people they polled had driven while drowsy in the past year and 23 percent had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Compiling statistics on the role of sleep in accidents is difficult because there is no accurate way of measuring a driver's level of drowsiness or of estimating the role sleepiness played in a crash.

But the type of crash can provide clues as to whether sleep was a factor, said Ricardo Martinez, an administrator with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Sleep-related accidents often involve a single car that has driven off the side of the road during late-night or early-morning hours, he said.

BE AWARE of the danger signs for drowsy drivers: Your eyes close or go out of focus by themselves; you have trouble keeping your head up; you can't stop yawning.

Other symptoms include wandering, disconnected thoughts; not remembering the last few kilometers; drifting between lanes, tailgating; missing traffic signs; or constantly jerking the car back into the lane.

Drowsy drivers also display the same sorts of driving patterns as drunk drivers, a 1996 survey by the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety revealed.

The survey of more than 100 state

troopers and highway-patrol officers found that every officer polled had stopped a motorist who appeared drunk, only to find out he was extremely fatigued.

"The same sort of social stigma needs to be applied to sleeping and driving as it is to drinking and driving," said Richard Waldhorn, medical director of the Georgetown University Sleep Disorders Center.

Heidi Wunder, a spokeswoman for the National Sleep Foundation, agreed that health officials need to highlight the problem because many people do not take the issue seriously. They do not recognize the danger of drowsy driving.

"Americans don't yet recognize the value of sleep overall," Wunder said. "Sleep is thought of as something you can do without. Taking a nap is a sign of weakness."

But taking a nap is exactly what drivers should do if they find themselves yawning every few seconds, their eyes closing without effort, or their car drifting to the side of the road and back.

Common attempts to wake up, such as rolling down the window or turning up the radio, simply don't work, Wunder said. Caffeine is good for short-term alertness, but will not decrease a person's physiological need for sleep.

MARTINEZ, 43, said he wishes he had taken that advice when he was a young medical intern. On a cross-country drive with a friend, he fell asleep at the wheel while coasting on a straight stretch of highway. Martinez didn't even realize that he was dozing off.

"I don't remember the transition between reality and sleep," said Martinez, who once worked as an emergency-room physician. "All of a sudden I heard a change in the sound of the road. I woke up and found myself driving at an angle off the side of the road."

He jerked the car back toward the road, but spun around and ended up facing the wrong direction in his lane. Nonetheless he did not crash, and got back on the road safely. Many others who have fallen asleep at the wheel have been far less lucky.

It is typical for drowsy drivers not to realize they are falling asleep, said Stephanie Paul, a spokeswoman for the AAA foundation. A Stanford University study conducted about four years ago found that people are poor judges of their own sleepiness and cannot predict when they will actually fall asleep.

States around the country are also seeking to address the problem by installing rumble strips on interstate highways. Rumble strips are half-inch-deep grooves in the pavement between the highway and the shoulder. When a car drifts too far to the edge of the road and rolls over the rumble strips, it creates a loud noise and heavy vibration inside the car that can help awaken a sleeping driver. The strips have been credited with reducing off-the-road crashes by up to 70 percent.

(The Washington Post)

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Dow barely stalls
its losing streak

Wall Street

US stocks were mixed Friday, with the Dow Jones Industrial average barely halting a four-session, 400-point losing streak dominated by profit warnings from major companies.

The Dow, which slid 195 points on Thursday, closed 4 points higher at 9,837 after swinging from an early 65-point gain to a 70-point loss that put the blue-chip measure below 8,900 for the first time in a month.

Broader stock indicators were mixed, with the technology-heavy Nasdaq market finishing lower and declining issues outnumbering advances overall.

Stocks opened higher amid some bargain-hunting and news that Japan's ruling party had nominated Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi to succeed Ryutaro Hashimoto as prime minister of that recession-plagued nation.

The Dow, which closed at a record 9,337.97 just a week ago on Friday, has been hammered this week amid signs of earnings trouble at four of the 30 companies that comprise the index: Merck, Hewlett-Packard, DuPont and Boeing.

H-P and Boeing, as well as other big names that released earnings news this week, have pointed to the economic crisis in Asia as a continuing constraint on profits.

Europe

Gloomy news on company profits pushed European stocks lower for a fourth day on Friday, overshadowing the yen's unexpected steady reaction to Japan's new prime minister.

Falls in chemicals and engineering stocks outweighed gains in water and defense counters. The coming week looked set to be just as difficult amid a risk of renewed yen weakness if Prime Minister-designate Obuchi's next

Dollar rises
against yen

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The dollar rose modestly against the Japanese yen on Friday as traders doubted whether a new head policy-maker in Tokyo would be able to accelerate much-needed economic stimulus and reforms.

Meanwhile, heavier selling of the yen for German marks allowed the German currency to pick up ground against the dollar.

Traders said the victory by Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi in elections for a new party president - and likely prime minister - reduced chances for speedy action on economic and banking reforms.

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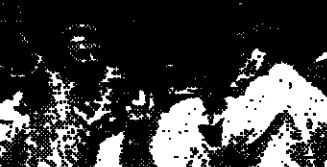
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moves disappoint and worries about further bad news from the earnings season.

Stock markets gave a muted reaction to the new prime minister, with the focus instead on earnings news.

Europe's biggest bourse, London, was the worst performing, as investors continued to reel from a profit warning on Thursday by ICI. The chemicals maker fell a further 5.5 percent to 733 pence, after a 14 percent loss on Thursday.

It was one of the biggest losers in the FTSE 100 index, which closed down 1.4% at 5892.3, its weakest finish this month.

Engineering companies were big losers as profit warnings added to nagging concerns over sterling's strength and ailing Asian markets, analysts said.

Siebo dropped 6.6 percent to 1,034, Smiths Industries fell 4.3 percent to 785 and GKN lost 7.8 percent to 774.

"There's an increasingly sense of vulnerability about profit forecasts and the impact of profit warnings has been applied with a broad brush across the sector," said SG Securities analyst Andy Chambers.

British Aerospace gained 5.6% to 511 as hopes it would merge with Germany's Dasa in the wake of the French government's decision to privatize Aerospaciale.

The Hang Seng index closed at 8257.46, up 81.21 points, or 0.99%. It was down 371.47 points on the week.

European bonds were little changed as investors awaited further developments in Japan.

Tokyo stocks closed higher Friday, with focus on the election that selected Obuchi as the new Liberal Democratic Party leader and presumed next prime minister, traders said.

The 225-share Nikkei average closed at 16361.89, up 173.88 points, or 1.07%. The index was down 208.89 from last week.

In Hong Kong, stocks staged a strong rebound in the afternoon after Obuchi's election to close with firm gains.

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(Agencies)

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| Currency (deposit for): | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
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| U.S. dollar (\$250,000) | 4.770 | 4.800 | 5.080 |
| Pound sterling (£100,000) | 5.550 | 5.540 | 5.620 |
| German mark (DM 200,000) | 2.180 | 2.280 | 2.700 |
| Swiss franc (SF 200,000) | 0.080 | 0.190 | 0.580 |
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(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

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Phillies win pair of 12-inning games

Mets take two from Cubs for second twin-bill sweep in week

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies rallied four times in the final four innings, getting an RBI single from Rico Brogna in the 12th to beat the Florida Marlins 7-6 and sweep their doubleheader on Friday.

The Phillies also won the opener 6-4 in 12 innings on Scott Rolen's two-run homer.

In the second game, Philadelphia overcame a 3-1 deficit in the ninth on a two-run homer by pinch-hitter Mark Lewis.

Mets 5, Cubs 3
Mets 7, Cubs 3
Carlos Baerga drove in four runs in the first game as visiting New York swept a doubleheader for the second time in three days.

The Mets, who swept Milwaukee on Wednesday, have won six straight games and moved within 1½ games of the Cubs for the wild card.

In the first game, Armando Reynoso pitched eight shutout innings to win his first appearance in a year and Brian McKee had three hits for the Mets.

New York trailed 3-2 in the eighth inning of the second game before scoring five runs in the last two innings.

Braves 3, Pirates 0
John Smoltz pitched a three-hitter for his first shutout in nearly a

year, and Andres Galaraga hit a two-run homer to power Atlanta to a road win.

Brewers 10, Expos 7 (1st)
Expos 11, Brewers 2 (2nd)
Vladimir Guerrero had a career-high five RBIs and homered for the fourth straight game as visiting Montreal split a doubleheader.

Giants 12, Reds 2
Jeff Kent hit two homers, including a grand slam, and drove in a career-high seven runs, leading San Francisco to a home win.

Joe Carter, acquired a day earlier in a trade with Baltimore, doubled and scored during the Giants' big fourth. Jose Mesa, obtained from Cleveland in another trade Thursday, pitched a scoreless ninth for San Francisco.

Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1
Chan Ho Park pitched two-hit ball for eight innings and tied a career-high with 11 strikeouts, leading Los Angeles to a home victory.

Astros 2, Padres 1
Pete Schourek pitched seven strong innings to match his longest stint of the season and Houston won on the road in a meeting of NL division leaders.

Rockies 12, Cardinals 3
Vinnie Castilla upstaged Mark McGwire by homering twice and Ellis Burks had a three-run shot

among his four hits as host Colorado won its fourth straight.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Indians 2, Tigers 1
Travis Fryman led off the bottom of the 11th inning with his 21st home run Friday night, giving newcomer Steve Reed a win.

Blue Jays 10, Red Sox 6
Juan Guzman finally got some offensive support in another strong outing as visiting Toronto hit three homers.

The Red Sox trailed 10-0 after six innings before rallying. Mo Vaughn hit an RBI single in the Boston ninth that made it 10-6. The Red Sox star was booed for 20 seconds before his first at-bat, a response to a newspaper story quoting him as saying his first choice next season was to play for the Blue Jays.

Devil Rays 6, Athletics 0
Tony Saunders got his first win in more than three months and Bubba Trammell drove in three runs for host Tampa Bay.

Orioles 7, Mariners 4
Rafael Palmeiro hit two homers, including a rare shot onto Baltimore's Eutaw Street, as the hosts extended their winning streak to five.

Yankees 5, White Sox 4
Darryl Strawberry's second homer of the game, a two-run shot

in the sixth, rallied host New York to its fourth straight win.

Andy Pettitte (13-6) allowed four runs — two earned — and eight hits in seven innings. Ramiro Mendoza worked the eighth and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

Royals 4, Angels 3
Visiting Anaheim ace Chuck Finley sustained a bruised left

elbow when struck by a line drive in the loss.

Twins 5, Rangers 3
Dan Serafini shut down the most prolific lineup in the majors through six innings as Minnesota won at home.

Serafini, who had lost his last three decisions and was without a victory since June 16, allowed nine hits and two runs.

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| Philadelphia | 53 | 48 | .525 | 14 |
| Montreal | 40 | 63 | .388 | 28 |
| Florida | 37 | 66 | .359 | 31 |
| Central Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Houston | 61 | 41 | .598 | — |
| Chicago | 57 | 46 | .553 | 4 |
| Milwaukee | 51 | 52 | .495 | 10½ |
| St. Louis | 48 | 54 | .471 | 13 |
| Pittsburgh | 48 | 55 | .466 | 13½ |
| Cincinnati | 45 | 58 | .437 | 16½ |
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| San Francisco | 55 | 48 | .534 | 12 |
| Los Angeles | 53 | 50 | .515 | 14 |
| Colorado | 45 | 58 | .437 | 22 |
| Arizona | 36 | 66 | .353 | 30½ |

Thursday's AL results: Anaheim 4, Minnesota 5 (10); Detroit 3, Cleveland 2; Boston 8, Toronto 7 (10); Baltimore 9, Oakland 7; Texas 8, Kansas City 4.
Thursday's NL results: N.Y. 6, Milwaukee 5; Chicago 2, Montreal 1; Colorado 4, Cincinnati 4; St. Louis 8, San Francisco 1; San Diego 3, Arizona 0; Pittsburgh 9, Florida 1; Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 2; Colorado 6, Cincinnati 4; Houston 8, Los Angeles 6 (10).

| American League | | | | |
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| East Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| New York | 72 | 25 | .742 | — |
| Boston | 58 | 43 | .574 | 16 |
| Baltimore | 52 | 51 | .505 | 23 |
| Toronto | 52 | 52 | .500 | 23½ |
| Tampa Bay | 38 | 62 | .380 | 35½ |
| Central Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Detroit | 58 | 44 | .569 | — |
| Minnesota | 48 | 55 | .465 | 11½ |
| Kansas City | 45 | 56 | .446 | 12½ |
| Chicago | 44 | 58 | .431 | 14 |
| Detroit | 43 | 58 | .426 | 14½ |
| West Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Texas | 56 | 46 | .549 | — |
| Anaheim | 55 | 46 | .545 | ½ |
| Oakland | 46 | 55 | .455 | 9½ |
| Seattle | 46 | 56 | .451 | 10 |

Cullinan, Cronje dig S. Africa out

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) — Daryll Cullinan and his captain Hansie Cronje dug South Africa out of trouble with an unbroken stand of 71 in a dramatic last session on the third day of the fourth Test against England yesterday.

South Africa, having dismissed England for 336 to lead by 38 on first innings, slumped to 21 for three as pace trio Darren Gough, Angus Fraser and Dominic Cork captured a wicket apiece.

However, Cullinan and Cronje repaired the damage with aggressive, unbeaten innings of 41 and 32 respectively to lift South Africa to 92 for three at the close — an overall lead of 130 with two days left.

It was a compelling finale to a day made memorable for two South Africans, fast bowler Allan Donald and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher, by a record equalled and a record broken.

When Donald had Darren Gough caught by Boucher for two, it was the 14th time he had taken five wickets in a Test innings, equalling off-spinner Hugh Tayfield's South African record.

Donald finished with five for 109 in 33 overs.

For Boucher, the dismissal was his 50th in his 10th Test, making him the fastest wicketkeeper to that mark. He beat his predecessor Dave Richardson and West Indian Courtney Browne, who both required 12 Tests to reach their half-century of dismissals.

The day had opened encouragingly for England as Mark Ramprakash and nightwatchman Ian Salisbury extended the overnight 202 for four to 244 before being parted.

Salisbury (23) was finally removed after batting 104 minutes by a Donald delivery from around the wicket that clipped off stump.

The recalled Graeme Hick (6) fell to the same bowler when a short ball forced him onto the back foot from where he attempted to pull, only to see the ball ricochet from a bottom edge onto his stumps.

Debutant Andrew Flintoff struck three lousy fours in his 17 before edging an away swinger from Jacques Kallis to Boucher, and Cork (6) fell in identical fashion to Shaun Pollock.

Ramprakash, meanwhile, kept England afloat with an attritional innings that brought him 67 not out.

Having started the day on four, he scored 24 in the morning session and 39 in the afternoon.

The innings ended after Gough became the 25th victim of the Donald-Boucher combination and last man Fraser was trapped lbw.

South Africa lead the five-Test series 1-0.

Scoreboard on the third day of the fourth Test between England and South Africa at Trent Bridge yesterday.

South Africa first innings 374 (H.Cronje 120)

England first innings (overnight 202-4)

M.Boucher lbw b Donald 58
M.Atherton c Boucher b Donald 58
N.Hussain lbw b Elworthy 22
A.Stewart c Kirsten b Kallis 19
M.Ramprakash not out 87
I.Salisbury b Donald 23
G.Hick b Donald 6
P.Flintoff c Boucher b Kallis 17
D.Cork c Boucher b Pollock 2
D.Gough c Boucher b Donald 2
A.Fraser lbw b Pollock 31
Extras (b-7 lb-13 w-1 nb-13) 336
Total 611

South Africa second innings
G.Kristen b b Fraser 6
G.Liebenberg lbw b Gough 0
J.Kallis c Stewart b Cork 11
D.Cullinan no 41 H.Cronje not out 32
Extras (b-1 w-1) 2
Total (for three wickets) 92
Fall of wickets: 1-32-17-3-21
Bowling (no data): Gough 10-3-32-1 (1w), Fraser 11-4-21-1, Cork 5-1-23-1, Flintoff 4-0-12-0, Salisbury 3-2-3-0

Briton, Aussie win early morning triathlon

NEW YORK (Reuters, AP) — At an hour when the city that never sleeps was at least stifling a yawn, 25 young men dived into the murky waters of the Hudson river.

Nearly two hours later, on a clear bright Saturday morning in Central Park, Briton Simon Lessing strode away from the field to retain the Goodwill Games men's triathlon title.

Soon after, as reggae music pounded courtesy of Soul Judgment and old ladies walked their poodles, Australia's Loretta Harrop won the women's race and the latest sport on the summer Olympic program had made its mark on Manhattan.

Braving the water, a strong early morning current and a recent

infestation of jelly fish, the men's and women's fields swam 1.5 kms with the Statue of Liberty in the background.

They cycled 40 kms along Wall Street, past the United Nations to Broadway and then to Central Park for three long and one short loops.

The event finished with a 10 kms running race through Central Park, on the roadway usually commandeered by joggers, skaters and cyclists.

Lessing needed only to stay in touch with the leaders in the swim and bike ride to win.

The four times world champion was second out of the water, among the top trio in the bike and used his superior stride and speed

GOODWILL GAMES

to full advantage in the 10 kms run to defeat Australian Craig Walton by nine seconds.

Harrop, a former butterfly swimmer who turned to the triathlon after missing out on the Australian national team for the last Commonwealth Games, shared the lead in the first two disciplines with American Barb Lindquist.

One Australian who found Central Park on Saturday morning not a bit to his liking was world champion Chris McCormack.

McCormack was one of three runners who went the wrong way

when a person, or persons, unknown moved the direction cones.

While the rest of the field guessed correctly and carried on the way they were running, McCormack, Dmitri Gaag of Kazakhstan and Venezuelan Gilberto Gonzales doubled back.

McCormack threw his hands in the air in frustration when he realized his mistake but rallied when moving in the approved direction to pip Frenchman Laurent Jeanselme for third place.

US 93, Australia 85 (OT)
A team of 12 college basketball players — a far cry from the rosters crammed with NBA superstars that have represented the United States in other major international

competitions — reclaimed Goodwill Games gold Friday night with a 93-85 overtime victory over Australia.

Andre Miller of Utah took command down the stretch for the US, which hadn't won a Goodwill basketball gold medal since the inaugural games in 1986. It was the first major international men's title for a US amateur team since that year, when the world championships and Goodwill Games were held simultaneously.

Miller, who led the Utes to the Final Four in March, scored 10 of his 18 points in the final four minutes of regulation and the overtime. He tied the game with the final basket of regulation with 1:08 left, and scored the first basket of overtime.

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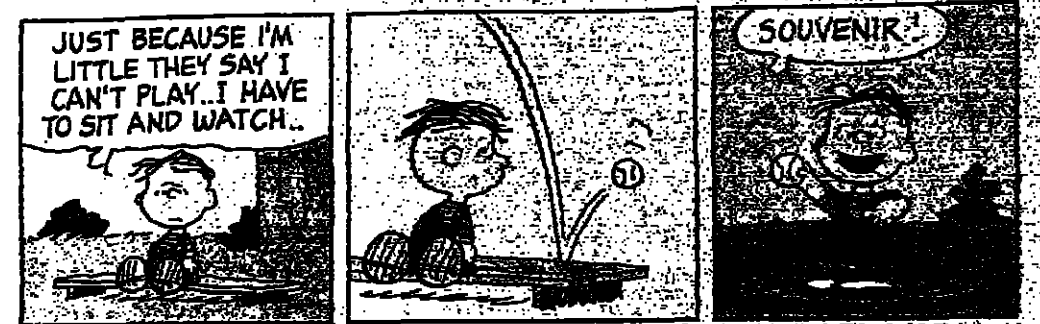
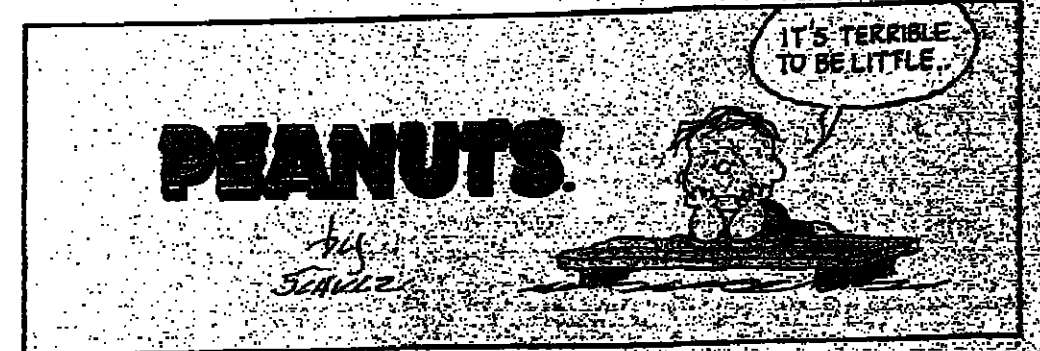
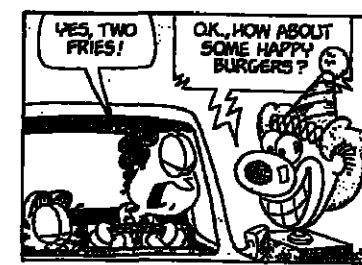
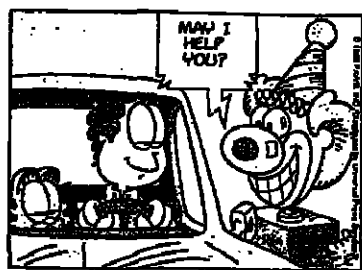
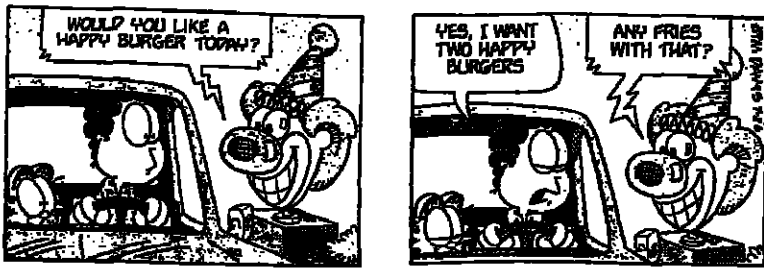
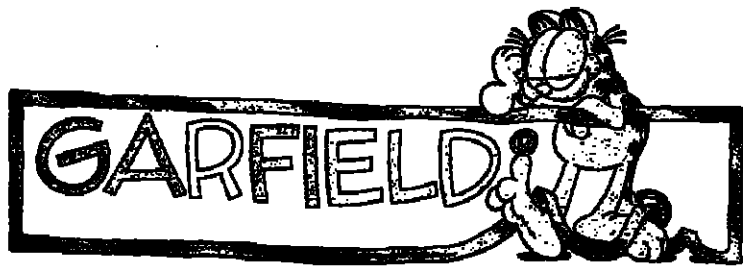
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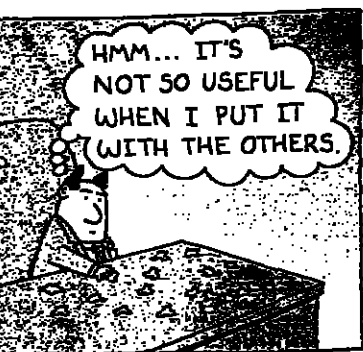
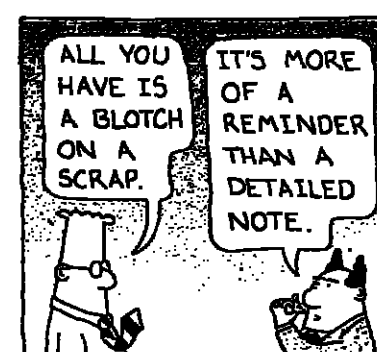
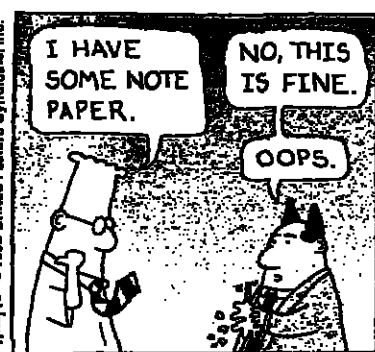
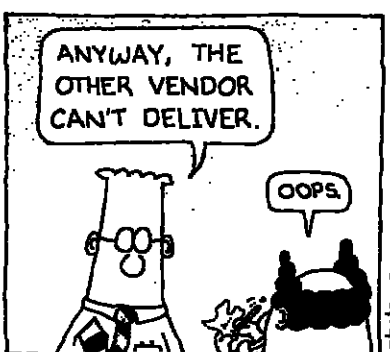
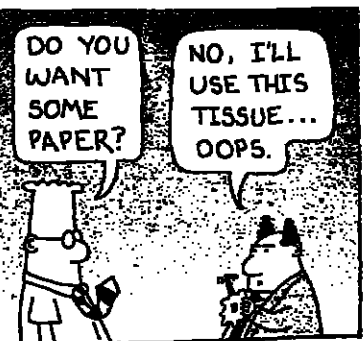
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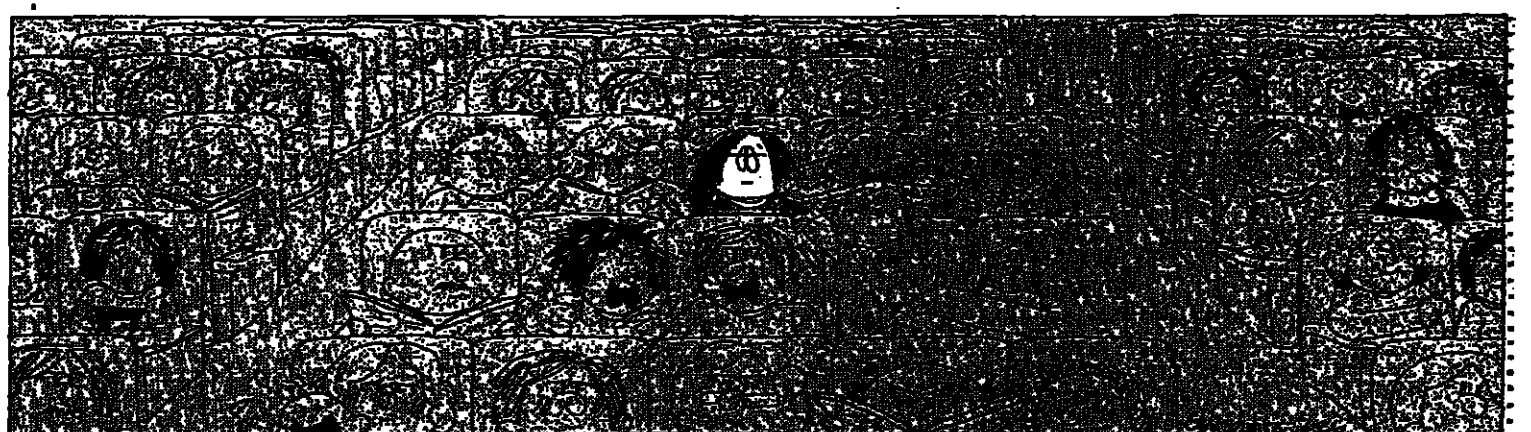
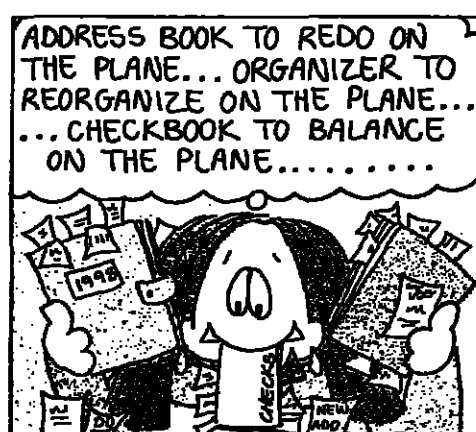
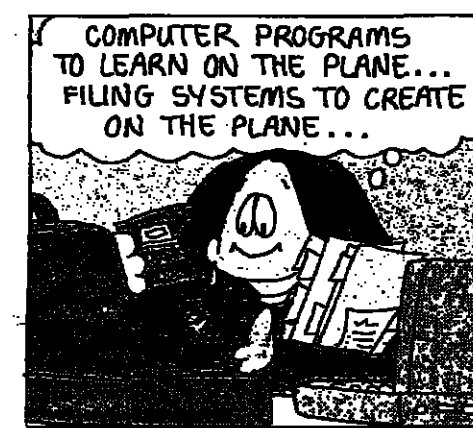
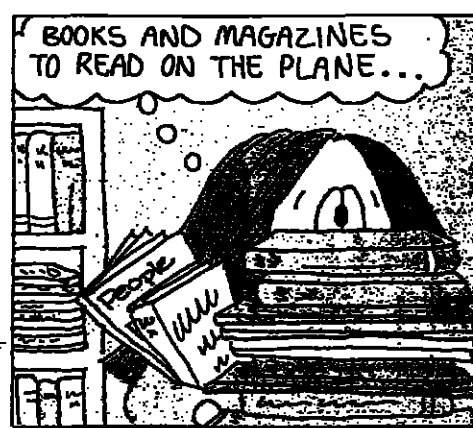
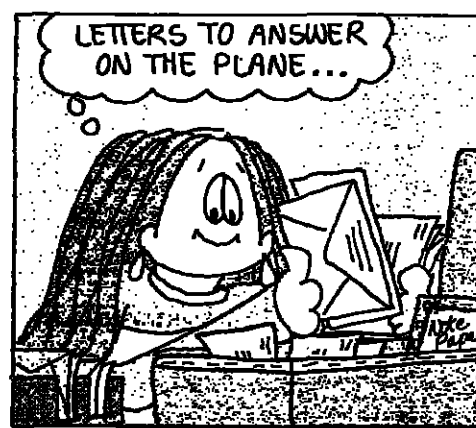
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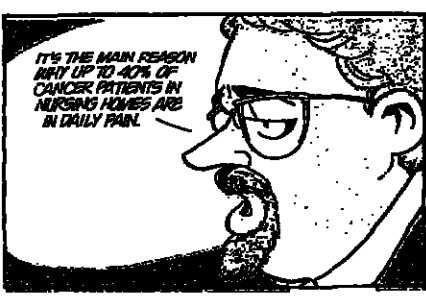
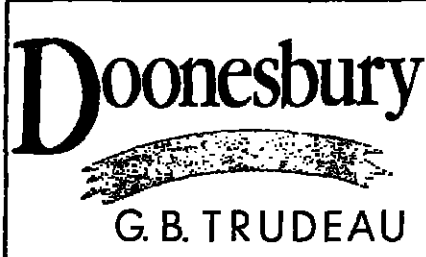
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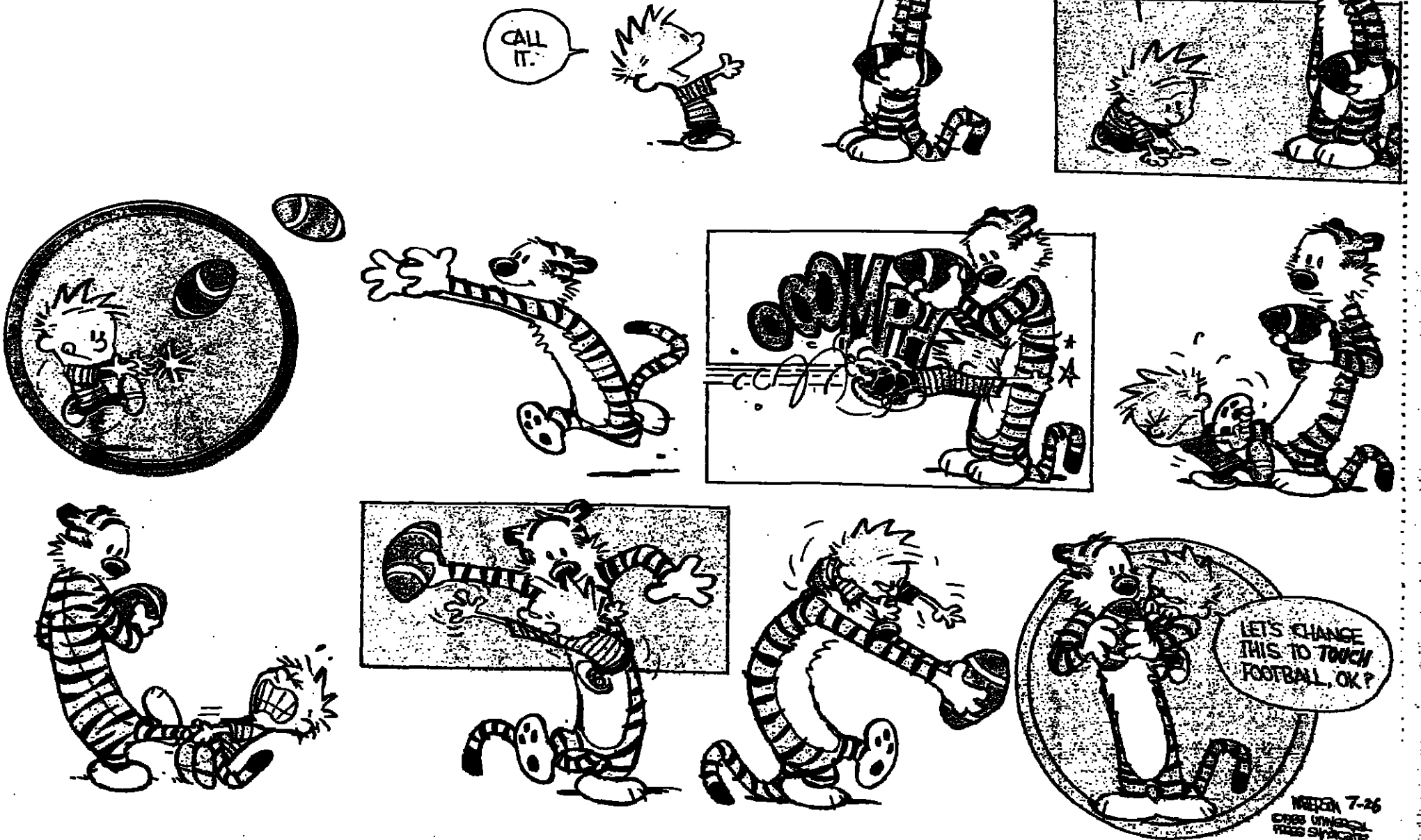


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O's win streak

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jeff Fassero put a clamp on Baltimore's torrid offense and Joey Cora drove in two runs as the Seattle Mariners ended the Orioles' five-game winning streak with a 4-2 victory yesterday.

Baltimore reliever Jesse Orosco pitched in his 1,000th game, becoming only one of six players in major league history to reach

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that milestone. Orosco, 41, retired the Mariners in order in the ninth inning.

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. was hitless in four at-bats and remained one home run short of Babe Ruth's AL record of most home runs in a season through July 31.

Indians 6, Tigers 5
Manny Ramirez homered, doubled and drove in three runs to help Bartolo Colon get his 11th victory as Cleveland won at home.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cubs 3, Mets 2
Pinch-hitter Glenallen Hill's two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning helped Chicago snap the Mets' six-game winning streak.

Kevin Tapani (12-6) won his fourth straight decision. He gave up seven hits and struck out seven in eight innings.

Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his 30th save.

Marlins 5, Phillies 4
Pinch-hitter Cliff Floyd doubled to cap a two-run rally in the eighth inning and Florida stopped a seven-game losing streak with a road win.

The Marlins bounced back after the Phillies' pair of 12-inning wins to sweep Friday's doubleheader.

WELLINGTON (AP) — South Africa won for the first time in New Zealand in 17 years and handed the All Blacks a rare second consecutive defeat in a Tri Nations rugby union match yesterday at Athletic Park.

The Springboks took a firm grip on the Tri Nations competition with its 13-3 win. A try by left winger Pieter Rossouw sealed the South African victory, their first in New Zealand since 1981 in the 50th match between the two countries.

New Zealand lost its opening Tri Nations match to Australia 24-16 two weeks ago and the South Africans beat Australia 14-13 last week.

South Africa must only win one of its home games against either New Zealand or Australia to give them the Tri Nations title won the last two years by New Zealand.

"Superb, magnificent," said Springboks captain Gary Teichmann, whose team silenced the 45,000 capacity crowd. "To beat them at home is an achievement in itself. I'm very proud of the whole squad. We knew New Zealand were going through rebuilding and lost a few players like Sean Fitzpatrick and Zinzan Brooke. We were the same after the 1995 World Cup. I think every team goes through that phase."

Teichmann, who led a strong defensive effort by his team, felt the South Africans could now start building confidently to defend next year's World Cup.

For coach Nick Mallett, yesterday's win was his 12th straight win since he took over the job last year.

Halfback Joost van der Westhuizen said the victory would sink in later but he ranked the win as only second to their World Cup victory in Johannesburg.

John Hart, who experienced his first consecutive defeats as All Blacks coach, didn't think his



ALL THE WAY — South African wing Pieter Rossouw breaks the All Black defense to score the only try in South Africa's 13-3 Tri Nations rugby union test victory in Wellington.

backline functioned. "I thought our forwards were outstanding but the backline didn't use the options well," he said. "We

had enough ball to win the game but didn't put them away." Worse still for Hart was that his two key players, halfback Justin Marshall and openside flanker

Josh Kronfeld, are now likely to miss next Saturday's match against Australia in Christchurch.

Marshall and openside flanker Josh Kronfeld, are now likely to miss next Saturday's match against Australia in Christchurch.

Kronfeld took a knock on the head and suspected concussion and Marshall was replaced by Oria Totonu after injuring his hip.

"They don't look good for next week," Hart said.

It was the first time in the recent years the All Blacks went tryless. They looked like scoring just once in the game — seconds before halftime when they pinned the Springboks close to the line with a series of scrums.

But they opted to kick for goal when English referee Eddie Morrison eventually awarded them a penalty, but Carlos Spencer missed.

The standoff couldn't convert any of the five penalties he attempted and was replaced by Andrew Mehrtens nine minutes into the second half. Mehrtens kicked a penalty for the All Blacks' only points.

In a finely balanced first half, the Springboks led just 3-0 through Percy Montgomery's penalty goal.

Scores:
SOUTH AFRICA 13 (Pieter Rossouw try; Percy Montgomery 2 penalties, conversion) def. NEW ZEALAND 3 (Andrew Mehrtens penalty).

Tri Nations Tournament

| Team | GP | W | D | L | PF | PA | Pts |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| South Africa | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 16 | 8 |
| Australia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 37 | 30 | 5 |
| New Zealand | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 37 | 0 |

(Four points for a win, two for a draw, none for a loss; one point for scoring four or more tries in a match, one point for losing by seven or fewer points).

Saturday, Aug. 1: At Christchurch, New Zealand vs. Australia.

Saturday, Aug. 15: At Durban, South Africa vs. New Zealand.

Saturday, Aug. 22: At Johannesburg, South Africa vs. Australia.

Nardello wins Tour stage as riders declare truce

CARPENTRAS (Reuters, AP) — Italian Daniele Nardello made it two in a row for his Mapei team when he won the 13th stage of the Tour de France yesterday, marked by a lull in the doping saga that has dogged the race for two weeks.

Germany's Jan Ullrich retains the yellow jersey.

The rider from Varese, who will be 26 when the race ends in Paris

on August 2, surged in the last stretch of the 196-km leg from Frontignan to beat his five breakaway companions and give his team their fourth victory on this Tour.

On Friday, teammate Tom Steels won the 12th stage which started with a strike by riders.

Before the start of this stage, which led the bunch from the Mediterranean to the foot of the

Alps, the peloton declared a truce with organizers and media.

The riders decided to go on in spite of the doping cases being probed by the French police and media pressure for the Tour to stop.

"There is no reason why the Tour should not go on. The Tour is not only about doping," said Frenchman Daniel Baal, vice-president of the International Cycling Union (UCI) after a meeting with team leaders before the start.

The riders, angered by press reports they felt were criticizing them unduly, vowed not to make any more comments about doping in the last week of the race.

"With this win, I have achieved my goal of the season," said Nardello, whose main result so far was a stage win in the Tour of Spain two years ago.

His victory, coming after Steels' two stage wins and another success by Czech Jan Svorada, was all the more remarkable as Mapei came to the Tour without their leaders — Belgian Franck Vandebroucke, Russian Pavel Tonkov, Swiss Oskar Camenzind and Belgian Johan Museeuw. They were all injured or resting after the Giro.

"Now I just want to finish to celebrate my birthday on the Champs-Élysées," Nardello said.

Friday was a day of protest, drug admissions and more team officials in police custody marked the 12th stage.

Tour riders, upset over the way they are being treated during the worsening drug scandal, delayed the start of the Tour's stage for two hours.

"We are fed up with being treated like cattle. So we are going to behave like cattle," Laurent Jalabert of France told Radio Tour, the station that follows the race.

Jalabert, the world's top-ranked cycling the past three years, led the demonstration before the 12th stage.

"The sport is no longer interesting to anyone," Jalabert said. "We won't cycle and that's the end of it."

After a hastily-called meeting and promises of future ones with members of the International Cycling Union by Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc, the riders got



LUCKY 13 — Italian Daniele Nardello takes a drink as he leads a breakaway group during the 196km, 13th stage of the Tour de France yesterday. Nardello won the stage and Jan Ullrich retains the overall lead.

on their bikes and started.

The scandal worsened when Armin Meier, a member of the Festina team that was on the Tour until last week, admitted to a French radio station that he used a banned drug.

Meier told France Info radio "Yes, I said that I had taken EPO, how I took it and why I took it. I'm just the victim of a system."

Meier, who was one of the nine Festina riders taken for questioning in the affair after the Tour kicked them out of the race a week ago, refused to say if his teammates had also taken the substance.

The director of TVM team, Ceas Priem, and team doctor Andrei

Mikhailov were placed in custody Friday night after being detained over allegations of drug use by the Dutch team.

About 100 doses of drugs were found last March in a TVM team car near Reims, east of Paris. Police did nothing at the time, but the affair was rekindled in the wake of the Festina scandal that sent three of its officials to jail.

Leblanc said the Tour is aware of the investigation of the TVM team and will expel the Dutch squad "if the precise elements reveal that this team didn't respect the rules and ethics of the Tour de France, the International Cycling Union."

On Friday, Rios dismissed German hero Boris Becker in straight sets. The Chilean knocked the 30-year-old Becker out with a 6-2, 6-0 rout in just 45 minutes.

Federation Cup
Switzerland 2, France 0
World No. 1 Martina Hingis powered Switzerland to a first-match win over France in their Fed Cup world group semifinal yesterday with a straight-sets demolition of Julie Halard-Decugis.

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STUTTGART (AP, Reuters) — Marcelo Rios needed to win yesterday to strip Pete Sampras of his No. 1 ranking.

Rios lost, but in dramatic fashion. He fought off seven match points against Karol Kucera before ending on the wrong side of a 6-1, 6-7 (8-10), 6-4 score in the semifinals of the Mercedes Cup.

Rios failed to take over Sampras' top-ranking for the second time this year, having broken the American's 102-week hold on the No. 1 spot on March 30.

Rios, who held No. 1 just four weeks, was far from his best form against the world No. 11.

Kucera swept the first set from Rios, who appeared listless as his errors mounted, in just 26 minutes. Afterwards, the Chilean was treated off-court with a shot for allergies.

Rios had been accused of tanking matches in the past, but at the end of the second set, Rios lifted his game and mounted a rally against Kucera.

He roared back from from 2-4 down, then worked off one match point after another against Kucera while behind 5-6 and then trailing 3-6 in the tie break.

Every time he handed the Slovakian match point by netting an easy ball, he whipped a brilliant passing shot past Kucera on the following point.

Kucera's final opponent today will be 1997 French Open winner Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil, who beat the current French Open titleholder Carlos Moya 7-6(8-6), 6-4.

On Friday, Rios dismissed German hero Boris Becker in straight sets. The Chilean knocked the 30-year-old Becker out with a 6-2, 6-0 rout in just 45 minutes.

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Federation Cup world group one/two playoff matches
Yesterday's results:
Russia leads Germany 2-0 Tatyana Panova beat Andrea Glass 6-3, 6-1; Yelena Makarova beat Anke Huber 6-1, 7-6 (8-6) in Moscow.

Italy leads the Czech Republic 2-0 Sylvia Farina beat Radka Bobkova 6-0, 6-4; Rita Grande beat Květa Hrdlickova 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-4 in Prague (match postponed until today due to rain).

Slovakia leads Belgium 2-0 Henrieta Nagyova, defeated Simone Appelmann 2-0 (7-5), (6-4); Karina Aduslova beat Dominique Van Roost 6-2, 6-3 in Bratislava.

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AIR CANADA will get you there in time
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Jerusalem 30/19
Dead Sea 41/25
Eilat 41/27

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EUROPE WEATHER TODAY
Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

| City | Today High/Low | Monday High/Low | Tuesday High/Low | Wednesday High/Low |
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| London | 21/15 | 21/15 | 21/15 | 21/15 |
| Berlin | 24/17 | 24/17 | 24/17 | 24/17 |
| Paris | 23/14 | 23/14 | 23/14 | 23/14 |
| Rome | 32/21 | 32/21 | 32/21 | 32/21 |
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